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Gomes, Minor drop lawsuit against UM

By Eric Russell
Sports Editor

The case involving former University of Maine student-athletes Stephen Gomes and Paris Minor appears to be drawing to a close. U.S. District Court Judge George Singal announced his approval of a request by the two players to withdraw their lawsuit against the university Tuesday.

President Peter S. Hoff released a brief statement with the announcement Tuesday, where he defended the Student



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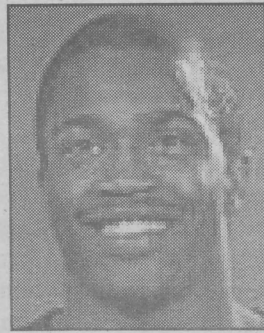
Stephen Gomes

Conduct Code Committee and expressed satisfaction that the process is over.

"We believe this recent

development confirms that the University System's Code of Student Conduct was applied properly in the case involving the two students," Hoff said in the statement. "It is important for the public to know that the university did not provide any concession, agreement or financial settlement to the students, nor to their legal counsel."

Gomes and Minor, who were both sophomores and members of the UMaine football team, were dismissed from the university Sept. 25, 2002 by the Student Conduct Code



FILE PHOTO

Paris Minor

Committee for their alleged involvement in the sexual assault of a former UMaine student.

Harry Richardson and Fred Costlow, attorneys for the two students, filed a lawsuit against Hoff and the UMS board of trustees for unfair treatment, claiming they were denied due process of law.

After two appeals of the students' suspensions were denied by the university, Richardson and Costlow pushed forward with the lawsuit. Recently, Gomes and Minor transferred to Tennessee State University, where former UMaine assistant

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Goodman to speak Friday



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Amy Goodman, reporter and host of "Democracy Now," will travel to the University of Maine to speak on Feb. 21. Goodman will speak about free speech and independent media in times of war. "Democracy Now" is a non-commercial alternative radio news program that is aired on 120 stations across the nation, including WERU in Maine. The lecture is free to the public in room 100 of Donald P. Corbett Business Building at 7 p.m. It is sponsored by UMaine's MPAC, the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine and WERU Radio.

Mutual aid bill to link UM and Orono police

By Jennifer Gundersen
Editor in Chief

Emotional testimony on the beating of an Orono resident was a major factor in a legislative committee's unanimous decision to recommend the passing of a bill allowing university police to work more closely with local police departments.

If passed, Legislative Document 23 would allow town and university police forces to enter mutual aid agreements. These agreements allow municipalities to call request emergency assistance from neighboring towns.

Five representatives from Orono and the University of Maine, including UMaine Public Safety Director Noel March, Orono Town Council chair Lianne Harris and Orono town manager Gerry Kempen, testified before the Educational and Cultural Affairs Committee as proponents of the bill on Feb. 4.

Perhaps the most powerful testimony came from Orono resident Jo Carol Alford. Alford was a neighbor of Michael Curtis, the

man assaulted outside his home on Pond Street last September. She described the need in the community for Public Safety officers to be allowed to help Orono police off-campus property. She also read a letter written by Curtis.

"I wanted my testimony to be key in making the decision on the bill, so I called Michael Curtis to have him write a statement to be part of my testimony," said Alford. "It was a moving statement mostly because [Curtis] is such a fine person. He doesn't have a vindictive bone in his body ... he knew a lot of good could come from his beating."

Alford also showed a picture of the battered Curtis shortly after the assault.

"A picture is worth a thousand words," she said.

Spurred to action following the incident, Alford has become a leading figure in Orono's Neighborhood Task Force and is vice president of the Orono Action Association. She is also running for town council.

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Average student owes \$3,066 on credit card, study says

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

Editor's Note: This is the first article in a two-part series on student credit card debt. The conclusion will appear in Monday's issue of The Maine Campus.

The term "poor college student" has become almost synonymous with the idea of going

to college. Despite this warning, however, many students find themselves facing thousands of dollars worth of debt because of one small, plastic object: the credit card.

According to a study conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics in 2000, 44.7 percent of all college students in the United States have some form of credit card debt.

The range of debt due is rather large, with some students barely owing anything, while others

Part one of two

owe in the thousands. The average amount owed by individual college students, accord-

ing to a similar study conducted by the NCES, is \$3,066.

In a study conducted in 2000 by Nellie Mae, a student loan agency, it was found that roughly 78 percent of all college students have some form of a credit card. This jumped over 10 percent in a two-year period from 1998.

Only half of all students with cards pay off their bill each

month, according to truthaboutcredit.com. The average late fee was \$27.61 in 2000. For students with little or no steady income, fees such as these can begin to add up, causing debt to grow drastically.

According to truthaboutcredit.com, the average student does not even qualify for credit, due

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The World BEYOND UMaine

Moroccan student convicted in Sept. 11 attacks, gets 15 years

HAMBURG, Germany — A German court on Wednesday convicted a Moroccan student of being an accessory to the murder of thousands in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, concluding that Mounir el Motassadeq was an al-Qaida operative who helped the Hamburg cell, headed by Mohamed Atta, carry out the suicide hijackings.

In a heavily guarded courthouse, Motassadeq, 28, the first person to go on trial in connection with the attacks, received the maximum sentence that German law allows, 15 years in prison, for his role in the deaths of nearly 3,000 people in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Throughout the trial, which began in October, the former electrical engineering student proclaimed his innocence, acknowledging that he had attended a training camp in Afghanistan that Osama bin Laden operated and had sent money to his fellow Muslim students. But he said he had no idea they were planning any violence.

Prosecutors countered that he had played an "ice-cold" role in helping a plot to turn airliners into weapons that resulted in "the most terrible terrorist attack in history."

Presiding Judge Albrecht Mentz found the prosecutors had made their circumstantial case.

"The accused belonged to this group since its inception," Mentz said in reading the verdict. "He knew and approved the key elements of the planned attacks ... including the high number of victims."

The judge cited the testimony of Motassadeq's former roommate, who quoted him as saying, "They have something big planned ... the Jews will burn and we will dance on their graves."

When the judge gave the sentence, Motassadeq, standing with his arms crossed, squeezed his eyes shut. He was stunned by the verdict, one of his lawyers said afterward. The lawyer said they would appeal the verdict, which also found that Motassadeq belonged to a terrorist group.

A tall, gaunt man with a thin beard, Motassadeq (Mota-SAH-dek) moved to Germany in 1993. After studying German, he enrolled in an electrical engineering program at the Technical University of Hamburg-Harburg. Two years later, according to Germany's chief prosecutor, Motassadeq met Atta, the intense, Egyptian-born leader of the group of seven Islamic students who formed the nucleus of the Hamburg al-Qaida cell.

EU nations remain divided over action against Iraq

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Members of the European Union ended an emergency summit in Brussels on Monday still divided over a U.S.-led war against Iraq, but saying force should be a "last resort" in disarming Saddam Hussein.

France and Germany stood firm in their position against an imminent war, while Great Britain remained squarely with the United States in calling for action soon. The EU leaders did concede that the U.S. military buildup in the region had forced Saddam to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors far more than he had in the past, and they called for further inspections to ensure Iraq's disarmament.

"Iraq has a final opportunity to resolve the crisis peacefully," by cooperating fully with the United Nations and disarming, the 15-nation EU said in a formal declaration at the summit's end.

The statement is not likely to please Washington, which wanted a firmer declaration of EU support for military action against Iraq. It thinks divisions in the EU encourage Saddam to defy weapons inspectors and hide weapons of mass destructions that President Bush is convinced Iraq still has.

The statement also papered

over differences rather than resolved them, and it shows the difficulty the EU has in trying to speak with one voice in foreign affairs. It left open the question of whether France would exercise its veto in the U.N. Security Council if faced with a resolution authorizing war.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair expressed frustration with the group's stand that inspectors need more time to do their job, even though it added the caveat that inspectors "cannot continue indefinitely in the absence of full Iraqi cooperation."

"The time you need is the time to make a judgment," Blair said. "Is he cooperating or not?"

Blair, Bush's closest partner in the Iraq crisis, said Iraq was in "material breach" of U.N. Resolution 1441, which calls for Iraq to disarm or the Security Council would deliver "serious consequences," including military action.

Few others were ready to go that far, however, and Blair's position was seriously undermined by the massive anti-war demonstrations in London and other European capitals over the weekend.

The EU's resolution leaves it to the Security Council to determine whether Iraq is in breach of its responsibilities, and if so, what the "serious consequences" would be.

"There is not a fixed deadline in the resolution," U.N. Secretary Gen. Kofi Annan said, "but at some stage the council may decide that we are wasting our time and we should call a halt to inspections."

French President Jacques Chirac, while not ruling out war, said it was premature to talk about military action.

Greece, which leads the EU this year, struggled to try to find agreement among the members.

Those hoping for unity went into the meeting with some optimism. The day before, a month-long standoff at NATO over Iraq ended when alliance members Belgium and Germany agreed to begin planning for Turkey's defense should it be attacked. NATO leaders reached the agreement, after a marathon bargaining session, by deciding the issue in a military planning committee that since 1966 has not been attended by France, which remains opposed to any action that looks as if it accepts the inevitability of war.

"The European mini-crisis has been overcome," French President Jacques Chirac announced Monday evening after dinner, but when questioned about the future EU members' contrary stand, he started another row.

"They missed a good opportunity to shut up," he said.

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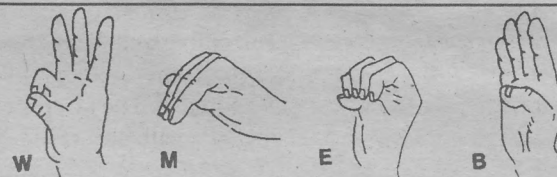
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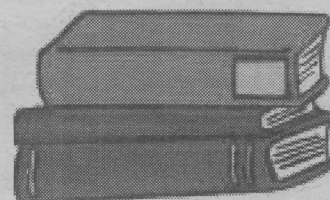
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Beta aims to double income from annual sleepout

Fraternity to brave the cold once again to benefit Bangor Rape Response Services

By Bret Zeigler
For The Maine Campus

In an effort to raise money and awareness for Rape Response Services of Bangor, the 46 brothers of Beta Theta Pi will spend the night of Feb. 28 on their front lawn.

Rape Response Services is a nonprofit organization that provides a hotline and support group for sexual assault victims, as well as community education.

In the past four years, proceeds from the sleep-out went to Spruce Run Battered Women's Shelter. According to brother Jasper Hotchkiss, Beta Theta Pi chose RRS as a philanthropy project for two reasons.

"Spruce Run had good economic standing and Rape Response Services is actually running at a deficit, which makes it more of a priority," Hotchkiss said.

Besides the merits of the charity, Hotchkiss, a third-year nursing major, said the selection of RRS sends a message to the community.

"Why not give it [money raised] to a cause that symbolizes the opposite of the stereotype that fraternities have against them? In a way we're defeating the 'frat title.' That's what fraternity really means, a bunch of men who work together at a common goal, and one of these goals happens to be helping the victims of assault and sexual abuse," Hotchkiss said.

The evening will start at 6 p.m. with the lighting of a bonfire and speakers including President Peter S. Hoff and brothers from Beta.

For the rest of the evening, those interested can huddle around the bonfire and drink coffee until they are allowed



FILE PHOTO

Three members of Beta Theta Pi brave the cold Maine weather to help the fraternity raise money for a local charitable organization last winter during Beta's annual sleepout.

inside the next morning at 6 a.m.

"People are encouraged to stop by, have some coffee, snacks and mingle," brother John Sirois said. "Other organizations are going to be present along with us for the event, so there are going to be people willing to talk about the important issues."

If the brothers get tired, they will camp out in huts constructed from cardboard boxes. The week before and the night of the sleep-out, the brothers will sell raffle tickets. The sleep-out will conclude with the raffle draw-

ing at 6 a.m. The items to be raffled off include a membership to Gold's Gym, various gift certificates and autographed apparel from sports teams, Sirois said.

Raffle prizes were donated by local businesses that provide about two-thirds of the money generated by the event. In the past two years the sleep-out has raised about \$1,400, but

Hotchkiss says the fraternity always has ambitious expectations.

"One of the goals always is to double the amount of income from the year before. A lot of people buy tickets, but at a dollar apiece, it takes a lot of tickets," Hotchkiss said.

It's no coincidence that the sleep-out takes place the same night as the men's hockey game

against Boston University. The brothers expect half of all the raffle tickets to be sold to passersby on the way to and from the game.

"Some of the sororities on campus will be assisting us with that [selling raffle tickets at the sleep-out]," Sirois said. "There is going to be a booth

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Police Beat

Orono &
Old Town

By Cate Tiller
Staff Reporter

A Hancock Hall resident was punched in the face while sitting in his room on Feb. 11. He was with a friend when Jonathan MacIsaac walked in and flipped him the finger. He said he owed him for last night, before he grabbed the resident by his shirt. As he was pulled out of his chair, the victim asked what his problem was. That's when MacIsaac punched him on the left side of his face. By the time police arrived, there wasn't any bruising, but the punch had left red marks. According to Public Safety, the victim and MacIsaac had exchanged obscenities the day before, but police don't know the cause of the disagreement. MacIsaac admitted to striking the victim and was summonsed for assault.

Somerset Hall had two fire alarms two days apart last week. On Feb. 13 around 11 p.m. an officer on patrol came out of the east stairwell on the third floor and smelled something burning. There was smoke in the hallway, coming from room 305. When the officer stopped to investigate, she found four males in the room, one of whom immediately said, "We put it out," explaining that the smoke had come from a cigarette butt that flared up in a trash can. The building was evacuated, but before that happened the officer found a blue duffle bag with a 30-pack of

Budweiser that the occupants of the room had tried to conceal. The resident of the room, Sean Mills, 19, denied that it was his, saying "a friend brought it over." He was summonsed for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor and sent to Judicial Affairs for the creation of a fire hazard.

Firefighters and police officers found people who refused to vacate the building as well as minors consuming alcohol during the second alarm in Somerset Hall just before 1 a.m. Sat. Feb. 15. The fire alarm had been pulled, and while the fire department and police officers tried to find a cause for the alarm, they found residents that had decided not to leave the building. One male who was confronted by a firefighter actually refused to leave. When an officer got to the scene, however, his room was empty. After residents were allowed back into the residence hall, officers were questioning people to find out any information on who pulled the alarm. One woman was standing in the doorway of a male room answering questions when the officer saw two glasses and a bottle of wine in the room. The officer discovered that both the woman and the male resident were underage, and as a result Ian Blanchard, 19, was summonsed for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. Public Safety is still investigating the cause of the fire alarm.

Student Senate Notes

By Meredith Holt
Staff Reporter

The following events took place at the Tuesday, Feb. 18 meeting of the General Student Senate:

- The Orono Student Nurses Association received \$2,464.23 to pay for traveling expenses for the National Student Nurses Association's annual convention in Phoenix, Ariz. Eight members will attend the convention April 22-27.

- The Senate allocated \$2,000 to Campus Crusade for Christ to bring William Demsky to campus to give a lecture April 9, on the theory of intelligent design and the complexity of organisms.

- The Roller Hockey Team received \$1,750 to contribute to the costs of competing in two more tournaments this semester. A portion of the funds will help the team pay for a Rockland, Mass. tournament and the remaining \$1,000 will go toward a Feasterville, Penn. tournament.

- Kappa Kappa Psi received \$1,298 for travel expenses to attend the Northeast District convention at James Madison University March 13-15. Those attending the conference will discuss leadership, fundraising and service project ideas.

- The Senate allocated \$784 to the Women's Volleyball Club to pay for gasoline and accommodations for the Northeast league tournament. The club is set to compete against seven to nine other

teams in the region at the University of Delaware, the State University of New York and Rutgers University.

- The Maine Steiners received \$500 to cover transportation fees for the International Championship A capella Festival at the University of Vermont. The festival is the largest competition for a capella groups, senator and Steiner's member Dennis Boyd said.

- The Intervarsity Christian Fellowship received \$300 to cover registration fees for the Winter Blast Conference Feb. 28 to March 2 at Bowdoin College.

- The Senate passed a resolution to honor the life of Pat Farnsworth, owner of Pat's Pizza, who died on Thursday, Feb. 13 at the age of 93.

"Whereas literally generations of UMaine students have enjoyed Pat's Pizza over the years, the Student Senate should pass this resolution in recognition of [Pat Farnsworth's] significant contributions to life at the University of Maine," Sen. Erik Black wrote in the statement of fact.

- The Senate passed a resolution to move \$20,000 of the Student Government Emergency Reserve to the University of Maine Foundation General Endowment.

"The intention is that interest from the reserve will be used to fund scholarships for the University of Maine's under-

graduate student leaders, who are not a part of Student Government," the statement of fact reads. The endowment averaged a payout of about 12 percent over the past 10 years, according to Student Government President Matthew C. Rodrigue. The fund will be used for annual awards of \$500 for every \$8,000 in the fund.

- The Senate passed a resolution to charge the vice president and president of Student Government to investigate the possibility of UMSG, Inc. joining the pilot program for the creation of the American Student Government Association while at the COSGA conference this weekend.

- A resolution to encourage senators to meet with their academic deans by March 7 was passed. The resolution encourages senators to discuss issues within their colleges in order to increase communication and help the students.

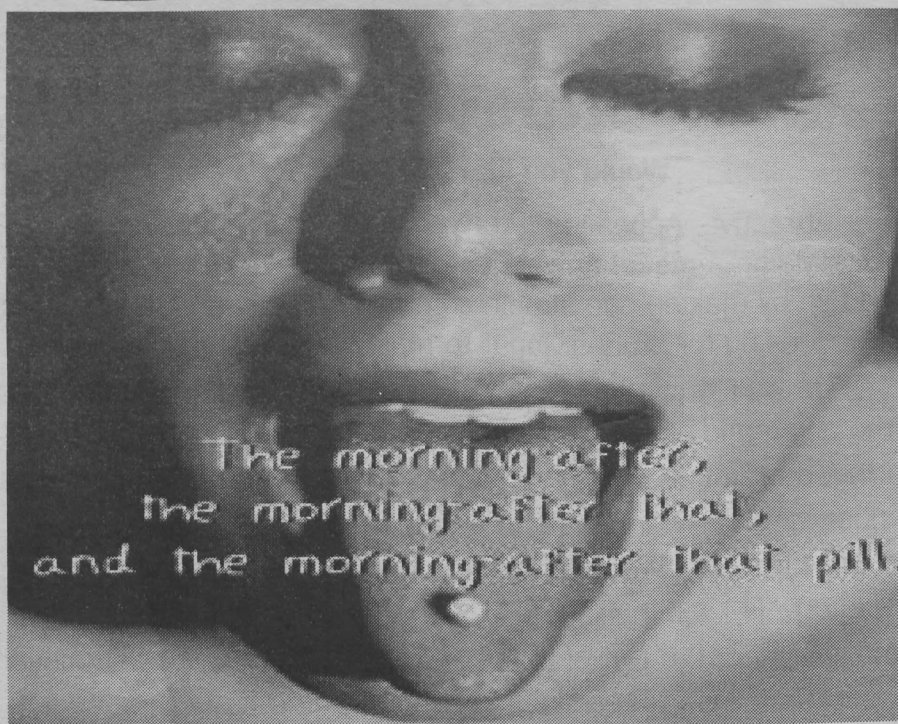
- Sen. Boyd reported that Brett Sokolow will give a presentation on "10 Things You Should Know About Alcohol" on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m.

- Student Women's Association representative Bree Blalock reported that "The Vagina Monologues" last week generated over \$1,000 for Spruce Run and Rape Response.

The General Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Neville Hall, room 100.

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By Meredith Holt
Staff Reporter

"We hope students gain aware-

"It's an opportunity [for students] to speak through their actions what newspapers they want to read," Guyette said.

The university will determine the breadth of the Newspaper Readership paid program, but is not obligated to sign on to a paid program.

"Newspaper readership among our students has increased 21 percent during our trial period last spring semester, with the overwhelming majority reporting that their knowledge of local, national and international news and events

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WORD of MOUTH

If UMaine built a new recreational facility, what would you like to be included?



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"There isn't too much you could put into a recreational facility that would make me pay \$100 a semester."

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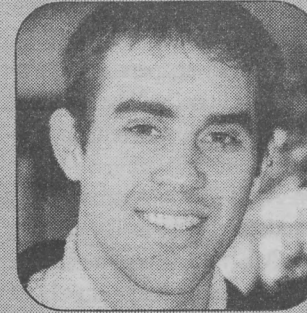
"I would want really killer racquetball courts."

Matt Lord
Graduate Student
Social work



"Beer pong table."

Callie Morrissey
Junior
Psychology



"I want a spa. I want a personal trainer. I want someone to rub my feet."

Ryan Clapp
Sophomore
Civil engineering

POLICE from page 1

"When Mike Curtis was beaten unconscious and left for dead practically on my front door, I was outraged," Alford said. "I really pushed the town council after that, because I saw it really as a growing and pervasive problem."

This year, March has seen many other situations in Orono that could have benefited from Public Safety's assistance.

"There may have been as many as half a dozen cases where university police could have been of assistance but were not empowered to render that emergency assistance," March said.

Public Safety has three to four

officers on duty on any given night, while Orono may only have half as many, explained March. Public Safety officers also have the same training as officers in local departments.

"Because of the size and budget limitations of the town of Orono and the small size of the police force, having the help of the University of Maine police would be a Godsend," Harris said in a statement made on behalf of the Orono Town Council.

Maine law already provides for local police departments to enter into mutual aid agreements. This was done informally for many years, but was made law

when questions of liability and cost were raised. University police departments were not included when the bill was first enacted.

"A mutual aid agreement will not result in university police officers handling complaints," March said. "This is still the responsibility of Orono and Old Town police. [Public Safety] officers can only be requested."

Testimony on LD 23 occurred Feb. 4 with seven proponents speaking and no opponents. The committee announced its unanimous decision to recommend legislative approval of the bill two days later. The Legislature

may act on the bill in the next few weeks, but changes would not take effect until the end of the legislative session in June.

A second bill also will be heard by the Educational and Cultural Affairs committee that would consider giving university police departments statewide authority, March said.

"Statewide authority means we can pursue that purse snatcher, sex offender, or drug dealer that preys on university students and not be confined to campus without power beyond the borders of our 660-acre campus," March said.

March suspects this bill will raise more questions because it

will give university departments the authority to police off campus without being invited by the town.

LD 23 is co-sponsored by Rep. Matt Dunlap (D-Old Town) and Sen. Mary Cathcart (D-Orono) and is supported by both communities. The bill also is endorsed by UMaine President Peter S. Hoff and University of Maine System Chancellor Joseph Westphal.

"LD 23 was a bill that was so close to my heart I don't think anyone could have kept me away from Augusta that day," Alford said. "What happened to Mike Curtis that night could have happened to anyone."

DEBT from page 1

to a lack of credit history or a job. Credit card companies, however, look past this because of the value students hold as customers. According to Nellie Mae, this value is due to the fact that most students stay loyal to their first card throughout the majority of their life.

This value leads to the utilization of aggressive advertising. Companies use extreme tactics when appealing to college students. According to the NCES, 58 percent of all college campuses have at least two companies promoting their cards a month. Salesmen utilize selling techniques such as offering free gifts to coincide with signing up for a credit card.

These gifts can be anything from a free T-shirt to a portable CD player.

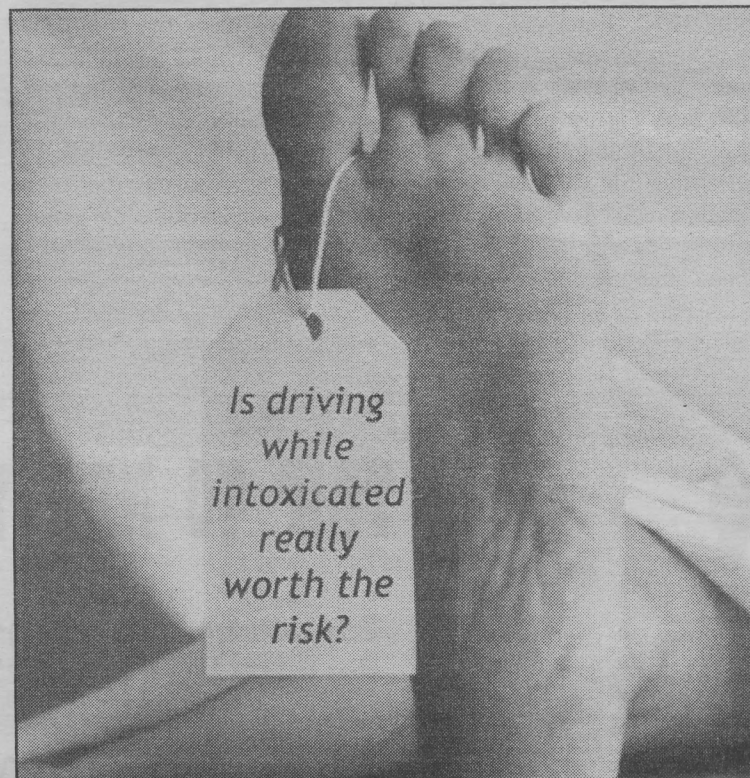
In order to combat the possibility of debt, Visa gives an outline of how to properly manage credit whenever a card is given to a college student. This still does not stop a large number of customers from accruing serious debt.

Many students don't realize the severity of debt, and others don't seem to care. Credit cards are more attainable by students than ever, and many students are taking companies up on the offer. As long as students want the cards, the companies will keep offering, without any concern to the possibil-

ity of debt.

According to the web site truthaboutcredit.com, all a person needs to do is have a realistic view of debt and be smart about dealing with credit. This mentality can be challenged by the idea that some students don't see debt as important. According to NCES, most students plan on paying off their school year debt with summer jobs. This method can work, thus allowing students to see no problem with accruing small amounts of debt.

"It [debt] happens, and I'm not worried about it yet," Sarah Waldon, a senior English major, said. "It's really not a big deal."



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For this janitor, there's life outside of work

By Abigail Curtis
For The Maine Campus

When Keith Parlette of Orono goes home at night from his University of Maine custodial job, he does not pull up an easy chair and snooze over the television remote control.

"I like to have a lot of leisure time," Parlette said. "I like cycling and rollerblading and puzzles. And this might sound weird, but I like sewing. I'll do bedsheets, shirts and curtains."

Parlette, an excellent example of the old adage that you work to live, not live to work, is a quiet 40-something man with a gentle demeanor. He speaks of his myriad hobbies with excitement in his voice, as if the most fun he's had all day is talking about his love of sewing. He pushes his broom aside and pulls up a chair in the basement of the Union, ready to settle in to a nice chat about his real life—the one that starts when he gets off his shift at the UMaine.

"I'm tackling a curtain project right now. I like Western stuff and horses, and I have some Pony Express material at home for the curtains," he said.

Parlette's wide-ranging interests influence his choice of reading material—mostly history and travel—and the free classes he takes at the university as part of his benefit package. So far, he has taken a computer science class and a GIS class, and he is not through yet.

"I plan on taking a few more," he said. "I'm not really interested in a degree. I'm just taking them because I want to learn something. I'm interested in forestry, history ... possibly I might take a French class."

Parlette is also an aficionado of exotic farm animals. What may seem a contradiction in terms is, in fact, a movement to rescue breeds of North American farm animals that have fallen from popularity and would otherwise die out. Parlette travels to places like Kelmscott Farm in Lincolnville Center, Maine, where these exotic farm animals are bred.

"They have rare chickens and turkeys and real huge donkeys. They have real, real long hair, like a shaggy sheepdog," Parlette said.

Other exotic farm animals of interest to Parlette include a species called a "Kerry cow," a rare cow from England, both

Katahdin sheep and soey sheep, and spotted pigs.

This animal lover finds a different type of beast altogether when working at the university.

"I won't say all students are animals. But a small percentage of them is. Guaranteed," Parlette said.

Before he worked for Facilities Management, Parlette worked for Campus Living in Oak Hall, where he found that anything was possible.

"Students can give you the most surprises that you ever would think, and they seem to always come up with something new," he said. "Sometimes, nothing can prepare you for how bad it is. Broken glass all over the floor, food on the walls."

One of his worst memories was from the fall semester of 2001, when someone scrawled all over the walls with a permanent marker.

"They did every floor," said Parlette. "They drew obscene pictures and wrote obscene messages on students' whiteboards with permanent marker. I had to go through and get that off."

Despite obscene drawings, urine on the stairs, and being called back to work in the middle of the weekend to take care of vomit and other "gross stuff in the bathrooms," Parlette said he enjoyed the rapport he had with the students.

"Students were great in Oak Hall," he said. "They were considerate, and once you build a kind of reputation with them, they will end up respecting you. And they're fun, too. Just to talk to, about all different things."

Visible under the wristband of Parlette's plaid work shirt is a bracelet with the letters WWJD imprinted on it. The "What Would Jesus Do?" movement, popular with younger adolescents, is a surprisingly good fit with Parlette's benign worldview.

"I just wear it for trying to remind me of how I should be living," he said. "It works at work here too. It keeps me more conscious of talking behind people's backs or complaining about the other people."

Parlette, a shy custodian with a rich private life, said that he enjoys trying to live that kind of lifestyle.

"I'm very different," he said. "I know I'm very different."



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UMaine custodian Keith Parlette cleans the stairs in Memorial Union. Parlette leads a colorful life outside of work.

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set up in front of our house next to the road during the sleep-out."

Hotchkiss said the event raises money that will help a worthwhile cause and in effect, people in need.

"To think that Rape Response Services doesn't have

all that much funding is kind of sad, but we're here to keep it alive because we believe in it," Hotchkiss said.

Aside from the express function of raising money for a worthy organization, the sleep-out also promotes the Greek cause.

"We want to support causes

that affect people in a very positive way, we're people who care about the community and we're here to leave our presence on campus. We're here to leave a footprint and be able to come back and see where it has grown in the future," Hotchkiss said.

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EDITORIAL

LD 23 to aide Orono, students

Through proposed legislation, the University of Maine and local police departments may soon be able to combine forces, providing better services for the community, as well as UMaine students.

The Educational and Cultural Affairs Committee heard testimony on Legislative Document 23 Feb. 4. This bill would give UMaine Public Safety the ability to police off campus at the request of local police. UMaine Public Safety Director Noel March, Orono Town Council Chair Lianne Harris, Orono Town Manager Gerry Kempen and Orono resident Jo Carol Alford testified before the committee. Alford read a letter written by her neighbor, Mike Curtis, who was assaulted after trying to quiet down a party in September.

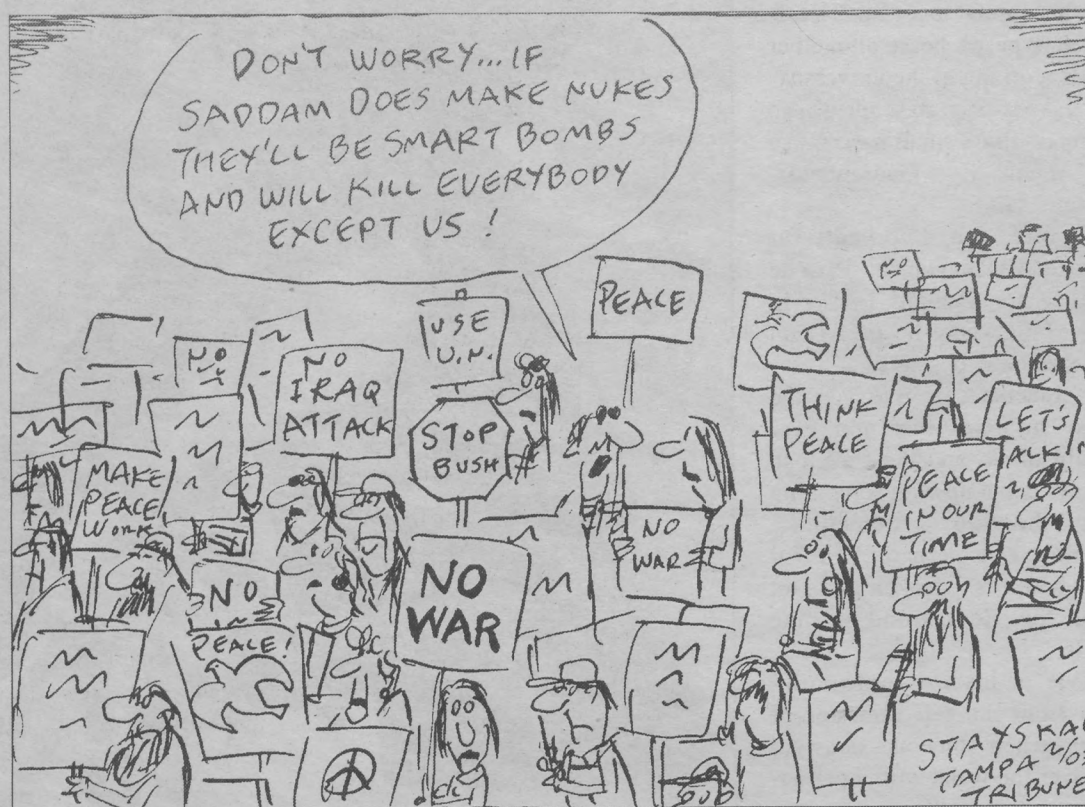
We commend the sponsors and proponents of LD 23, because it hopefully will prevent incidents similar to what happened to Curtis by giving local police departments assistance and allowing them to provide faster and more effective service to members of the community.

Part of the problem is that there are more parties than local police can handle on any given weekend night. It took the Orono Police Department a considerable amount of time to arrive after Curtis's complaint, which unfortunately ended in his assault. Public Safety could help because it usually has twice as many officers on duty than Orono or Old Town.

Public Safety officers could be put to good use in our neighboring communities in both sheer numbers and in sharing its experience in working with students.

"The University must help protect their hosts, the people of Orono," Curtis wrote in his letter to the legislative committee.

Curtis is right. The town of Orono makes its many services available to students, and in turn the university should be of service to Orono residents.



Slowly regressing

Change won't happen overnight — get over it

My dear friend from Washington told me about a journal entry last night in which he wrote, "If humanity is doomed — locked in — do we stop trying to change things?" If we were forced to accept that the problems of the world are permanent, would we stop trying to change them? After my experiences at UMaine so far this year, our answer is yes. And if the University of Maine is a microcosm of the nation, we're screwed.

At a discussion group last October, 12 fellow environmental policy students and I watched a video about the Kyoto Protocol, which prompted conversations regarding harmful emissions lim-

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itations, energy efficiency and, eventually, the fate of the environment if our country proceeds as we have been. During the series of discussions that ensued, so as not to forget, I wrote quotes on my hand from each of the students.

"Not in our generation," "all hope is lost," "we are the dumb ones," "it doesn't affect me, so I'm not going to think about it" and "I'm not worried about fixing

it." These were some of the phrases left on my hand when I walked home that night, scowling with sudden pessimism.

The dialogue that was echoing in my mind was one with a young woman who drove a large car. I said we needed to start driving smaller, more fuel-efficient cars whenever possible, because to me, it seemed like an obvious way to cut down on pollution. But this student declared what I realized must be the opinion of many Americans today.

She explained that where there are so many SUVs on the roads today, if she got hit while driving one of the small cars I was talking about, she'd be dead. And

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Letters to the Editor

•How to kiss

Granted, students in general are grossly apathetic and lazy, but I still don't think Eric Russell can blame the failure of "A Kiss to Remember" entirely on them. It was a grand idea to try and reclaim our record, and I hope we'll succeed in the future. But here's where I'd like to point

out some critical failures in the plan.

First, Feb. 14 is symbolic in its own way, but it's also in the middle of the flipping Maine winter. If you were there, you would have realized that fitting 3,000 people into the Field House so they could be viewed by the cameras, or even fitting them in

that one room, would be a very close thing.

The other major stumbling block was the fact that it was scheduled on somewhat of a holiday. I'm sure a large quantity of people didn't show up because they were busy being intimate. I happened to have to work, and I went because

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Lessons in sensitivity

We're out of control

MIKE
HARTWELL



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Three years ago this month, Texas changed its standard automobile license plate to include a background image of a cowboy, two oil derricks and an arching NASA space shuttle.

After the disaster of the Columbia on the morning of Feb. 1, there has been talk of removing the picture of the space shuttle from the license plate. The image, proponents say, is a grim reminder of the demise of the seven astronauts.

This is a new twist in widespread sensitivity training. If something terrible happens, remove any physical evidence that it ever existed. It never happened. Forget about it. I don't know if it's supposed to sound reminiscent of the education system of communist Russia, maybe it's just a happy coincidence.

Our society rounds off all of the sharp corners. After the World Trade Center attack, people simply called it "September eleventh" or the lazier "nine-eleven." Internet forums use the lethargic "9/11" or simply "911."

Hearing anyone say the worn-out phrase "after nine-eleven" turns my stomach, but it's not because I'm reminded of the deaths of thousands of people. It's because I can't stand the fact that we as a people need to give a massive tragedy a trendy catch phrase.

After the terrorist attack, the band Disturbed released a music video that MTV wouldn't play because it showed buildings falling down in an earthquake. The movie "E.T." had the line "You can't be a terrorist for Halloween" removed from existence on its new DVD version. The radio wouldn't broadcast any song with the word "airplane" or "jump" in the lyrics. Suddenly I couldn't hear my favorite Van

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she would rather be alive now and face irreversible environmental problems in the future.

She agreed that someone needs to start a trend of driving smaller cars, but said, "it's not going to be me." She wasn't going to change until everyone else did.

I was floored. It's not going to be me? Well damn, baby, if we don't start it, who will? And suddenly, I started to look at everyone with a cautious eye, wondering if they held the same nonsensical views as my friend in the GMC Suburban burning enough fuel for 30 people at once.

My fears of a nation of cowards who refuse to accept the responsibility, power and possibility in their hands have been confirmed since then. Whether it's the idea of women in positions of power in politics or the possibility of honest news sources, pound for pound, we're

a nation of quitters. Our motto might as well be, "if it's broke, it's broke, let's complain about it and then cook in our own rage."

If the answer isn't obvious, or if getting to where we want to be will take a significant effort on our part, our McDonald's-eating, Joe Millionaire-watching, "I'm here for the money, not for the knowledge" selves stay planted on the proverbial couch. We say "oh well," shrug and change the channel.

The shocking truth is coming out, my dears — our power is in our ideas, and our world views are pointing us to a future of retrogression. The moral of the story is: These days, if you want change, your biggest challenge is to convince the girl next to you who shares your views that if we work together, we can actually make things happen.

Tracy Collins is a sophomore journalism major.

Lesson

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Halen song because it might jog someone's memory of the tragedy that CNN gave team coverage.

Things have been leading up to this for years. Towns won't name public schools after George Washington or Thomas Jefferson because they owned slaves. New Jersey dropped the founding fathers from its history program altogether, and replaced the word "war" with "conflict." This very week, we've had an elementary school remove the word "gun" from spelling tests because a parent got offended.

I don't like to give in to partisan politics, but this is clearly the work of an extremist, nancy-boy liberal. This goes far beyond political correctness. We're using clear-cutting techniques on our memories.

How can we justify avoiding the issue on any calamity that comes along? It's bad enough we slash and burn history, but now we want to scoop it off into a landfill, plow over all mementos and tell

our peers we "just fell down some stairs." We're five years away from burning books.

Where is this going to end? Will we take down tombstones because they remind us of death? Will images of cars be removed from television because they jog our memory of automobile fatality statistics?

When Pepper, my dog of 12 years, died during Christmas break, I didn't cut him out of my photographs. I turned off the lights, sat down and thought about how he used to rip off my mittens when I was 10. I didn't purge his doggie toys, pretend he never existed and take a Soma.

The image of the space shuttle is portrayed as being majestic. It was put on those license plates because Texans are proud to be part of the space program. This issue is still up in the air. Let's not flush the Columbia away.

Mike Hartwell is a sophomore journalism major.

Letters

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my girlfriend asked me to. Normally, I would have wanted to go anyway, because being in a record book sounds like an interesting way to spend a half-hour, but the situation wasn't ideal.

I would suggest one major thing for a retry: do it on Maine Day. Not only does it have a sense of community instilled already, but it has the majority of the campus residents up in arms to do stuff anyway. If it

was held either right after the free picnic or early in the evening, I'm sure there wouldn't be an attendance problem like last week's. Not to mention the fact that you could do it outdoors.

Sure, students are still slothful punks in general, but don't blame our below par performance on Valentines Day solely on that.

Ross Burnham,
Junior English major

An imminent conflict

Giving Iraq a chance for democracy

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weapons inspectors, the United Nations and the world.

Everyone under the sun knows Saddam still has these outlawed weapons, and he is not giving them up. The United Nations needs to back up the resolution they passed, which calls for forcibly removing Saddam and destroying his cache of weapons. If this fails to happen and if the authorization to use force is vetoed in the United Nations, the U.S. will still go to war.

The United Nations will suffer a severe blow to its credibility. It will demonstrate that it is not united enough to follow through on threats of accountability.

Disarming Iraq and removing Saddam needs to be done now. Please know that he is a threat to our security, maybe not now, but if he remains in power for more time, the danger will build. In turn, if regime change does occur, the Iraqi people will receive free-

dom and democracy, something they do not know.

Their lives will improve because they will not live in oppression. The Middle East lacks in three critical areas that are essential to progression: freedom, modern education and women's empowerment. With these developments and a progressive model that works, their economy will build and their lives will improve.

The Middle East desperately needs an example of democracy. The region is in complete stagnation and needs help. I am one of the few that truly believes the United States should help the citizens of the Middle East by giving them a way of life that works and progresses.

It should start in Iraq by removing exactly the type of person that keeps his people down, poor and in fear. The aggressive, preemptive invasion of another country is a big proposition and it is scary. However, it is an essential part of the war on terrorism that we need to win, and we will.

Kevin O'Keefe is a sophomore history major.

Who controls the media?

Rush Limbaugh isn't the only bias voice on the air

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become politically correct and liberal.

Yet another instance of PBS's bias is its recent analysis of the Muslim religion that included no real analysis whatsoever. Instead, it substituted cheerleading for journalism by presenting only one, purely positive view of the Muslim religion. I believe that even the New York Times — liberal rag that it is — remarked how biased it was. As the Media Research Center noted, would PBS ever air anything that supported Christianity 100 percent? I think not. PBS's politically correct nature is rearing its ugly head and, unfortunately, our tax money is going to a network claiming to tell both sides, yet never does.

Then there is NPR. When liberals whine about how their voices are never heard, they never seem to acknowledge that NPR exists and it is yet again, funded by the taxpayers.

NPR is a prime outlet for the liberal voice, but could it be that NPR's listeners do not add up to a significant market share, unlike listeners of conservative radio?

Here is a radio station that has yet to air a Bill O'Reilly interview when it has almost every other

best-selling author on. NPR recently apologized for the second time because it falsely reported that the Traditional Values Coalition was connected to the anthrax investigation on Capitol Hill.

Andrea Lafferty, executive director of the Traditional Values Coalition, was very much offended, and she is not accepting NPR's apologies. How many of you heard that story? Probably none, if you were stuck viewing liberal TV, radio and newspapers.

With PBS and its HIV-positive muppet, NPR and its liberal soapbox and newspapers like The New York Times, the liberals should not make excuses for why they are becoming irrelevant. Instead of blaming everything under the sun, they should stand up and try to work for the listeners and the viewers. That's what conservative Rush Limbaugh did when he started in talk radio. He has since strengthened conservative thought and opened the door for conservative viewpoints.

If liberals would stop the complaining, stand up for their beliefs and have a civil debate without the irrational, emotional arguments, perhaps someone would want to listen to them. Until then, all the money they put into a liberal radio network will accomplish nothing.

Brynn Lary is a senior English major.

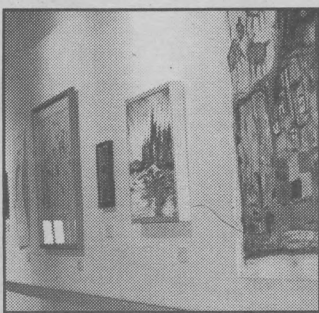
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"Womyn Create" for V-Day

All-female art exhibit opens at Hauck Auditorium

By Diana McElwain
Staff Reporter

The Student Art League and the Student Women's Association have come together to put on an all women's student art show. The display, entitled "Womyn Create," is on display in the room outside Hauck Auditorium. The show officially opened Feb. 14, and will remain there until March 6.

The day of the show's opening was significant, not because it was on the day made for lovers, but because it occurred on V-Day, a day devoted to ending domestic abuse worldwide. According to V-Day's official web site, the day's message is a simple one. It proclaims Valentine's Day as V-Day until the violence stops.

The opening of the show was festive, complete with refreshments and a raffle for rather unusual prizes such as vibrators. Tickets for a chance to win the array of toys were on sale throughout the week, coinciding with "The Vagina Monologues."

Jennifer Chiarell, president of the Student Art League, says

this art show is long overdue.

"Let's face it, there have been all men's shows for hundreds of years. I'm kidding of course, but any time a group gets to work collectively and presents something to the public, it's tremendously empowering," Chiarell said.

According to Chiarell, "Womyn Create" is important not only because of its display of female talent, but because of its ability to draw women closer together.

"It gives women a chance to experience an invaluable sort of comradery and sense of belonging to a team that men in the workplace and sports have experienced long before women made their way into those arenas," she said.

While the pieces all share female creators, one look at the walls of the makeshift gallery proves that each work is unique. Some are literally representative of women. There is a copy of the famous "We Can Do It" poster from World War II pieced together like a collage. At least three works feature realistic representations of the female form. The largest of these is a colorful painting of a

naked woman surrounded by flowers, painted by Vanessa Michalak.

There were bright collages, decorated with seemingly random beads and photos. Chiarell has peaceful paintings of scenery on display. Everything from charcoal drawings to photographs, to actual quilts lined the walls of the room.

The variety of art displayed is representative of how no two women are exactly the same, according to Chiarell.

"Women are a very diverse group, with many distinct voices and personalities. However, I believe that simply our shared experiences and sometimes struggles as women is enough of a unifying theme," she said.

The show is more about the process of creating art than the finished product. For that reason, contributors were given few guidelines as to what should be submitted. The only guideline was that all pieces must be able hang on the wall.

"Our goal with this show is to encourage women to create and feel the sense of empowerment that expressing oneself can provide," Chiarell said.



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The Student Art League and the Student Women's Association present "Womyn Create." The all-female art show runs through March 6.

Looking for love: singled out and heading out



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Jessie Martin (above) and Kelly LaPierre were two winners of last week's "Singed Out" dating game, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

This upcoming week may prove to be one filled with like, lust or love for two lucky couples as they set out on free dinner dates at The Chocolate Grille and go to a movie of their choice.

As winners of last week's "Singed Out" dating game, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, Jessie Martin was matched up with hunky Kelly LaPierre.

The couple was nice enough to reveal some of its dating woes to the University of Maine's student body, along with advice for their perhaps soon-to-be significant other on the upcoming date.

These are their predictions, expectations, hopes and fears for the questions everyone has always dreaded answering — the blind date queries.

By Angela Fiandaca
Staff Reporter

• Jessie Martin, second-year mass communications major. Her friend made her do the dating game. She's been single for the past two years.

• Kelly LaPierre, senior marketing major. Was surprised he won something. He just thought it might be fun to try out. He hasn't been looking for a relationship.

Two strangers coming together is never an easy situation, and frankly, both Martin and LaPierre agree it's going to be awkward on their upcoming date; However, Martin plans to just be herself.

Her only expectations for this date are to meet a new person and have a good time.

"I'm a pretty outgoing person and love to talk and find out anything about people," she said. "It'll be very relaxed. I'm not worried about it."

LaPierre's thoughts on the expectations front: Ditto. He says he's also outgoing and likes to have a good time as well. Wow! A match made in heaven right from the start. Can it last though?

If LaPierre remains his unreserved and outgoing self, this just may work out perfectly.

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Java Jive double-header doesn't disappoint

Will Elliot treats audience to a talented and compelling performance

By Alex Lehning
Staff Reporter

A full crowd at Tuesday's Java Jive enjoyed acoustic sets from student performers Will Elliot, Anne Schmidt and Kirstin Hayward. Elliott was stunning with well-crafted originals, while Schmidt and Hayward delivered covers and one original that seemed to delight the audience.

Schmidt, a fourth-year elementary education major, and Hayward, a fourth-year broadcast journalism major, were performing together for only the second time.

The show opened with the Dixie Chicks' "Wide Open Spaces," which highlighted Schmidt's talented voice. The show peaked with a cover of the Eagles hit "Desperado," which again showcased Schmidt's emotional vocal range.

The duo was less impressive, however, on a heartless and ragged rendition of Dispatch's interpretation of the Beatles' "You've Got To Hide Your Love Away." Hayward's guitar playing was awkward and rudimentary at best, but she was stellar on a solo version of the Rolling Stones' "Angie," with full emotion in her singing.

Other covers included "Warning" by the Cranberries and "Gone Again" by the Indigo Girls.

Hayward's original composition, "Seasons Turn," seemed to please the crowd and the finale, the goofy Barenaked Ladies hit "If I Had \$1,000,000," was extremely well done.

Despite the lack of originality in their set, Schmidt and Hayward managed to deliver a solid and fun performance. Perched on stools and joking with the audience, the duo seemed to fit in a casual coffee-house atmosphere.

Schmidt has performed since



Will Elliot entertains the crowd with many of his original songs at Java Jive Tuesday night.

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childhood and has been involved with University Singers and Renaissance on campus.

"The songs we sang ... that's what I'm all about. I was so happy to see my friends come out and watch me. Performing for them is the most fun of all," Schmidt said.

"My favorite part of performing would be looking up and seeing people having a great time listening to a performance ... Just being able to share music with others," Hayward said.

Elliott, a second-year English major, delivered one of the best Java Jive performances of the semester. His acoustic set included tasteful covers and brilliant, well-written originals.

"Cup and Trial," the opener,

was hauntingly Dylan-esque; sparse yet powerful.

"Songs are free gifts to people," Elliott said before "Song Unsung," which he wrote for his girlfriend.

Other standouts included the Johnny Cash hit "Folsom Prison Blues," a cover of Ryan Adams' "Call Me On Your Way Back Home" and an original called "Little Prince," based on the children's book by Antoine de Saint-Exupery.

Comparisons to Dylan and the new generation of songwriters like Adams are inevitable, but Elliott manages to come into a voice all his own. His sound was rough but authentic, and his guitar seemed to sing along with him.

Elliott fit the role of storyteller perfectly.

"For me, a typical song comes from sitting down with a pen and paper and listening to lyrics form with a melody in my head. I enjoy writing in public places, such as a cafe or even the Union. Seeing people and guessing at their stories is what fascinates me," Elliott said.

Elliott plans to graduate with an English degree and then go on to graduate or music school. He is currently working on a six-song demo CD.

"To create a song for personal enjoyment is rewarding. Having other people listen to it and feel what I feel is what makes me get on stage," Elliott said.

Liner Notes

Love stinks, Part I

By Chris Gorman
For The Maine Campus

Thank God it's over. That stupid, corporate-contrived excuse for a holiday that we call "Valentine's Day." For those of us who are single, Valentine's Day is just a painful reminder of an obvious fact — that nobody loves us and we should just go eat worms.

The worst part about it is all the love songs. "My Heart will Go On," "I Will Always Love You," "Your Song" and "Me So Horny" — the list goes on. Anyway, in honor of the post-Valentine's Day blues, I present to you a list of songs about love. The Top 10 anti-love songs of all time, that is.

10. Nirvana - "All Apologies": Almost every song Cobain ever wrote, some knucklehead has linked to Courtney Love and how much "Cobain really hated her." In all honesty, the one track that's always struck me as being blatantly anti-Courtney is "All Apologies." With its ending refrain of "all alone is all we are," the song plays like a miserable suicide note, Dear Jane letter. Married, buried.

9. Carly Simon - "You're So Vain": Nobody really knows who this song is about, but everyone has a guess. James Taylor? Mick Jagger? Warren Beatty? Simon has never fessed up about that one. Of course, she doesn't have to. The appeal of the song is its empowering, anthemic quality. This song is like comfort food after a bad breakup.

8. Liz Phair - "F**k and Run": This song tells the tale of a woman who had a one-night stand with a guy she knows she won't ever hear from again. If you think Alanis Morissette's "You Oughtta Know" was vicious, you haven't heard the frankness and bitterness Phair puts into her music. When Phair laments that she's "going to spend life alone," it's simultaneously indifferent and depressing.

7. Tom Petty - "Don't Come Around Here No More": I hope we all remember the music video, which featured Petty as a deranged Mad Hatter tormenting a bewildered Alice. Petty virtually snarls his way through this song, imploring his lover to exit from his life. The angsty, acid-dipped lyrics are only made more affecting with the minimalist musical arrangement Petty employed. Dark, but good.

6. Positive K - "I Got a Man": With apologies to my brethren, a list of anti-love songs would not be complete without this gem. Don't deny it. You all know the lyrics to this song. "What's your man got to do with me? I ain't tryin' to hear that, see!" This song perfectly captures the often futile game of cat and mouse that the sexes constantly put each other through.

Next week, I'll fill you in on the top five anti-love songs of all time. I might even include a country song

SOUNDBYTES



Skott Freedman
Some Company

Skott Freedman, who visited the University of Maine last October as part of Coming Out Week, builds upon his previous

albums with the release of his newest CD, *Some Company*.

On this album, unlike his previous album in which he had an assortment of other instruments backing him up, Freedman relies solely on his abilities as a pianist and singer to carry the music. Freedman's incredible vocal range is displayed over light, flowing melodies in songs such as "Anywhere" and the title track, "Some Company."

Also included on the CD are two covers: Cat Stevens' "The Wind" and Marc Cohn's "Walking In Memphis." Both covers are exceptionally beautiful in their simplicity.

The only place the album loses some of its power is in some of the longer ballads. Freedman's power lies in his short, quick melodies, and when he slows his music down, he loses much of the momentum that he builds up in other songs.

Freedman's lyrics, which on past albums have been especially confessional, continue the trend on many of the songs of *Some Company*. However, he does not limit himself to writing about the intricacies of love. In the title track, for example, he wrestles with the moral issue of giving money to a homeless man.

Freedman is slowly gaining more national attention for his refreshingly powerful songs. *Billboard* magazine has begun to recognize the troubadour's ability to write truly inspiring songs and featured this release in its newest issue.

As the title suggests, *Some Company* seems to be an album designed to be listened to on a lonely, rainy night. This latest album is deserving of any attention it gets, and is a worthwhile album to pick up.

— Jared Murphy

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Diana at Dollar Night

By Diana McElwain
Staff Reporter

"Maid in Manhattan" is a surprisingly well-crafted tale of a modern Cinderella.

It tells the story of Marisa, a single mother played by Jennifer Lopez, who works as a maid in a fancy hotel.

Like Cinderella and her prince, the two characters in the film fall in love almost instantly. However, instead of their eyes meeting across a crowded ballroom, Marisa and Chris first meet when he begins to use the bathroom in a room she is cleaning. Instead of a beautiful symphony, the noise that marked their meeting was the sound of his fly zipping.

Their paths cross for a sec-

ond time while Chris, an assemblyman running for the Senate, walks in on Marisa while she is trying on the clothes of a wealthy guest. Not recognizing her as the maid he had just seen, he gallantly asks her and her son, Ty, to go for a walk.

The plot that follows is predictable. The two fall in love and eventually have a magical night of dancing, leading to the inevitable bedroom scene while outside it pours romantic rain. Eventually, this Cinderella's clock strikes midnight and she must turn back into the pumpkin she truly is. She loses her job and her man but her spirit stays intact. Of course, their paths eventually cross again, facilitated by her son. Chris



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Ralph Fiennes and Jennifer Lopez share the screen in "Maid in Manhattan."

greets Marisa with a kiss. The proverbial glass slipper fits and they all live happily ever after.

I admit that my reasoning behind going to this movie was to make fun of J-Lo trying to act. I was pleasantly surprised. While her attempts at being maternal were rather weak, for the most part, she does a decent

job as a gutsy, streetwise maid.

Despite the positive effects of a few acting lessons, I could not keep from singing "Jenny from the Block" in my head throughout the entire movie. This could be because she often sports hip-hugging pants and, at one point, this supposedly poor woman whips out a high-

tech cell phone. I guess even a maid needs a little bling bling.

The film was proclaimed to be the next "Pretty Woman." Unless someone is willing to make the connection between a maid with a child and a prostitute with fishnets, there is no

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'Joe Millionaire' finale not up to par

By Luke Krummel
For The Maine Campus

For the last seven weeks my friends, myself and the rest of America have devoted one hour every Monday to "Joe Millionaire" and his cognac-loving butler, Paul. This past Monday the show came to a halt with a secret that was supposed

to shock the world. After the season finale of "Joe Millionaire," I will only offer this: Fox owes Americans seven weeks of their lives back.

Evan Marriot, a construction worker making \$19,000 annually, has been living a \$50 million lie trying to find a woman who is in search of real love. Claiming he has just inherited \$50 million,

Evan must choose one woman from a field of 20 to continue a relationship with. Once he finds that woman, he must then tell her that he only makes a mere \$19,000, not the supposed \$50 million. What a great way to suck people in. And it did.

Fox trained Evan to dance, how to match his wine with his food and how to dress; they even

set him up with a castle in France. But let's face it, boys will be boys, and Evan will be Evan. The guy got wasted drinking wine and humiliated himself every show. During one show, he commented on his date's breasts instead of her dress.

After a few weeks of watching Evan, people began to speculate that the show was more than just your typical lies-and-deceit reality show. There was something bigger than the \$50 million, something bigger that was going to be unleashed on the public. At the end of the second

to last episode, Paul, who was probably drunk after all the cognac, told his viewers there was in fact a secret to be revealed.

The possibilities were endless. Joe could have a twin brother and each would get a girl. One of the two girls could be a millionaire, and Joe has to pick between love and money. And my personal favorite: Fox offers Joe \$1 million to walk away and he dumps them both.


On Monday night, after

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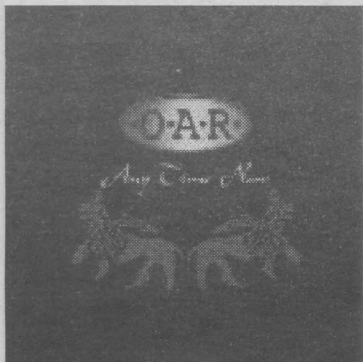
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O.A.R.

Any Time Now

Any Time Now, the latest release from the underground Ohio band O.A.R. is, to say the least, relaxing. I put the first disc of the double live set into my CD player, lit some candles and dipped into my bubble bath. All right, maybe it's not that relaxing.

A good CD is one you can play and simply forget about. The music will let you get whatever you may be doing done and without looking at the clock. Any Time Now is that CD. I spun the disc and got everything that I wanted done in record-breaking time.

The first disc busts right into "City On Down." Marc Roberge's raspy but cherry and uplifting voice carried me through to "Delicate Few," a jam lover's Mecca. The 13-minute marathon closes out disc one.

The second disc kicks off with "The Wanderer," one of the crowd's favorites. A highlight of disc two includes "Night Shift," which breaks right into "Stir It Up," to the crowd's pleasure. Disc two ends with "I Feel Home."

One thing I noticed about this disc is that a lot of the songs sound the same. But make no mistake, O.A.R. is still a young group of musicians that will only grow from here.

Any Time Now is a fun-loving, relaxing CD that will put you into a good mood. So stop reading my nonsense, get over to Bullmoose and get your grubs on it.

— Luke Krummel

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"I'm not really nervous about the date. From what I've heard, she's a pretty nice girl," he said. Sounds as though LaPierre has done his homework finding out more about his semi-mystery woman. Good tip No. 1 for dating: find out from friends what the person is like.

"We'll just have to see what happens. It's kind of weird going into a date with someone barely knowing the person, but why not?" LaPierre said.

Why not is right. Go for the gold!

He's not the only one playing hardball in this game, as Martin's done a little scoping out of her own. "He looked really familiar. I've seen him before because we both work at the mall," she said.

They both agree on what they hope comes out of the date: "Just to hang with someone new," he said.

Short and sweet.

"It's exciting to go and meet a new person. Even if nothing comes out of it, it'll still be a fun experience," she said. Perhaps she'll keep her fingers crossed, just in case.

With such similar personalities from the start, what could go wrong on this date to completely turn the other off?

Martin just might be a bit too picky, she admits herself.

"Personalities. It's hard for me to find a guy that fits with my personality," she said. "I'm really sarcastic and really outgoing. And I can't stand somebody who's really shy and doesn't want to meet new people."

Really? Well this could spell disaster, but he did say he wanted to meet someone new.

LaPierre has his fears, too, and yes, ladies, men do get nervous and scared just like we do. He's worried she may turn out to be "a total

sketchball or something," though he's not too worried, because he's gotten the dish from his friends already.

LaPierre's turnoffs include rudeness or being inconsiderate, though Martin may have it pretty easy, because he claims to be easy going. "A lot of stuff doesn't bother me," LaPierre said.

Her fear: rudeness. Also, not talking a lot and expecting her to keep the conversation flowing by herself. "That's a big turnoff," Martin said.

So what do these two possible lovebirds look for in someone of the opposite sex? He wants a gal with a sense of humor and nice eyes. Someone who's friendly, outgoing and fun to be with, and a good dancer who has a sense of adventure.

She'd like her stud to have a good personality, be outgoing with a sense of humor, smart, attractive

and ambitious.

Now to the good stuff. Flowers? "No, I don't expect flowers. I don't expect anything," she said. "Flowers aren't for the first date, but more for down the line," he said.

Opening doors for the lady? She said, "sure, why not?" He said, "Doors? Definitely."

Now to the most important question of all, the best question I had the opportunity to ask: What do you think about kissing on the first date?

"It depends on the situation," Martin said. "A kiss wouldn't be bad if you're totally into each other. But it's kind of hard to decide. So I mean it's perfect if it's the right timing."

LaPierre? "Ditto."

Check out next week's issue of The Maine Campus to find out just how steamy or unsatisfying this date turned out and to hear from couple No. 2 as well.

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comparison. While this movie can be called cute, it possesses nothing of the charm and timeless humor that will make girls forever tell their daughters how this is the best movie ever made, as is often the case with "Pretty Woman."

Another discrepancy between the two movies is that "Maid in Manhattan" rarely gives any reason to laugh out loud. It possesses a single humorous one-liner, which it had already given away in the previews. This occurs when Marisa nearly sits on a magazine featuring a picture of Chris.

"Oh Lord, I almost sat on your face," she said.

As I had been hoping for something funny to happen for what seemed like forever, that comment made me laugh for a good five minutes.

Although the film is certainly not an Academy Award winner, it is perfect for a day when your faith in life, love and the good of people needs some refreshing. On my Junior Mint Scale of five, I give "Maid in Manhattan" a three.

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watching an hour of filth about the girls' personal lives, the good stuff got underway when Evan had to pick his lady-friend. After some careful wording — he put us all in a panic by the way he was talking to Zora — Evan busted out with the "I've picked you" line, just when you thought she was going to get the boot. After he tells her about the fake inheritance, Evan must wait patiently for her answer.

Much to America's dismay, there was no insane outburst ending with a swift kick to Evan's man-candy by either of the two finalists. There was a simple little speech and an acceptance of the ring by Zora. This in itself was a surprise. I wanted blood-

shed. Pure carnage.

As for the mega surprise that was supposed to be bigger than Pearl Harbor, Fox simply handed Evan and Zora a check for a cool million. I was expecting something monumental and unpredictable. This was the simplest of all scenarios, and I did not feel rewarded for watching seven weeks of garbage. I am not the only one, either. My good buddy Catfish asked me that night if Walt Disney was the producer. "It was too damn predictable," Catfish said.

I only have one thing to say to Fox after "Joe Waste of My Time" ended: Please do not let there be a "Joe Millionaire Jr."

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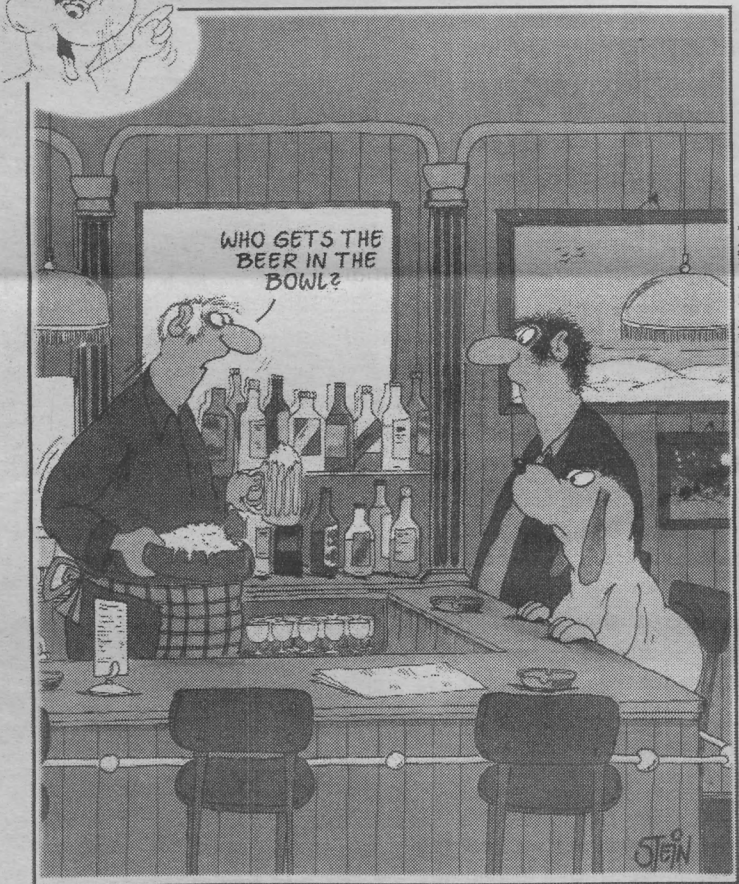
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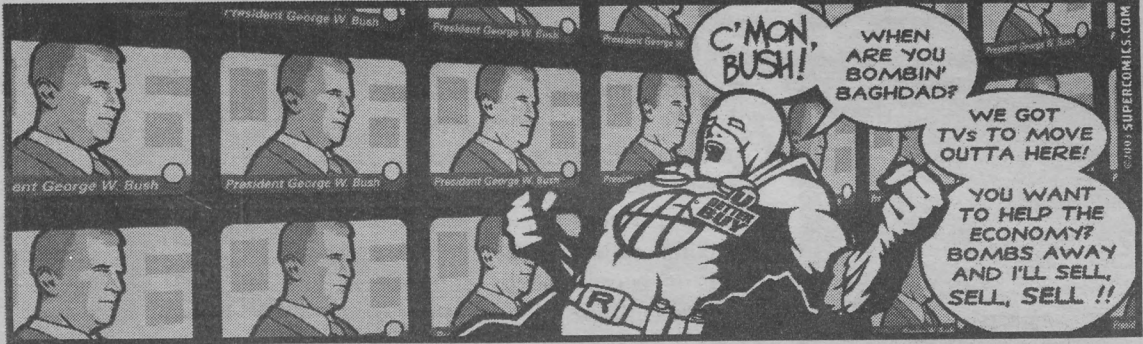


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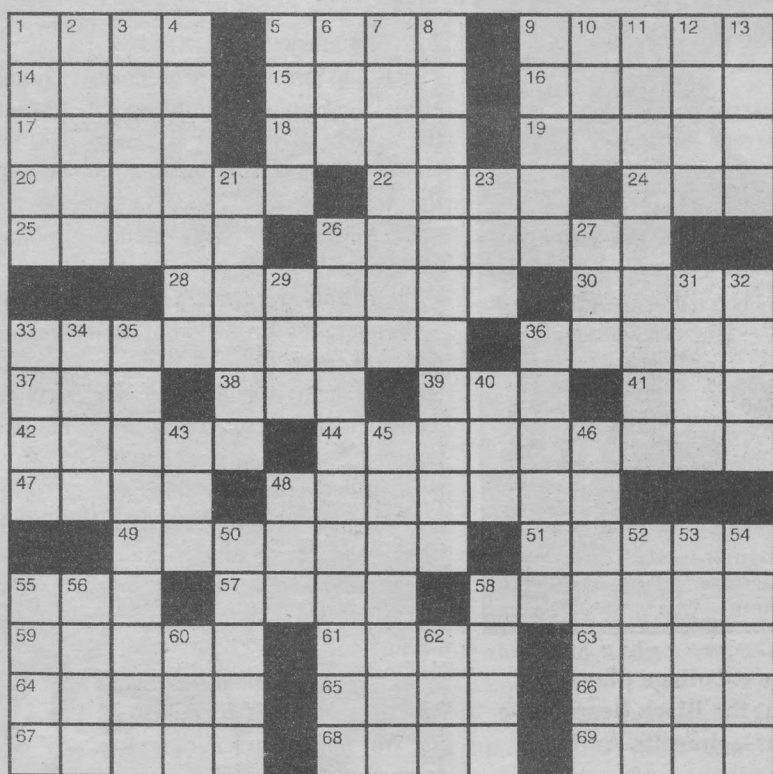
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- Cartoonist Al
 - Sikorsky of helicopters
 - Splinter groups
 - Lotion additive, often
 - Spa garment
 - Burning bush
 - Use the oven
 - Displacement
 - Actor Flynn
 - Code of silence
 - Andes people
 - DDE
 - Hebrew text
 - Gourmets' pride
 - Jiggly dessert
 - Lone attendee
 - Unites
 - Steps to cross a fence
 - New Haven student
 - Go wrong
 - Play about Capote
 - Neither fish — fowl
 - Highway curves
 - Turn to the east
 - Astronaut Slayton
 - Absurdly
 - Loose covering
 - "Reversal of Fortune" star
 - Elongated fish
 - Classic clown
 - Clog
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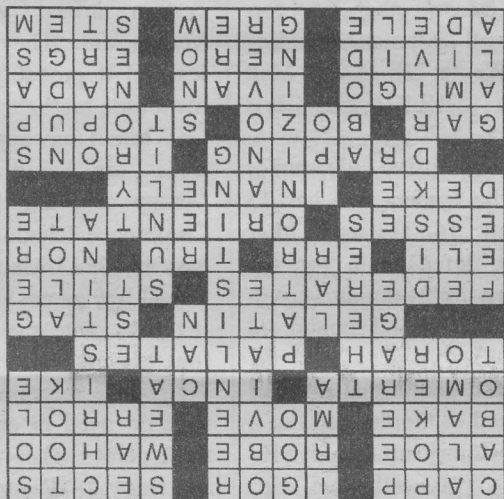
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 - Nobility
 - "— la Douce"
 - Moo — gai pan
 - Prevent by anticipating
 - Signing up again
 - Perspire
 - Knack for music
 - Poet Rossetti
 - Confiscated
 - Lone
 - "— a Girl in My Soup"
 - Half a dance?
 - Condescending
 - Approx.
 - Roman household god
 - Oodles
 - "Final Analysis" star
 - Nourish
 - Otherwise
 - PC part
 - Naturally bright
 - Arikara
 - Ballad ending?
 - Went on too long
 - Power and Guthrie
 - Going public letters
 - Residence
 - Abstract movement
 - Jog with the elbow
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Today's Horoscope

By Liz Jarell
For The Maine Campus

LEO
(7/22-8/22)

AQUARIUS
(1/20-2/17)

Make that move you have been stressing over for the past couple of days, whether it be a move in your academic or social situation. Only good change can ensue from you taking charge and going after what you want and need.

Lucky days: 4, 13, 25

PISCES
(2/18-3/19)

You're feeling very confident with yourself, and believe that you can do anything you put your mind to. Take advantage of this boost in self-assurance and try something you wouldn't normally do.

Lucky days: 8, 15, 20

ARIES
(3/20-4/19)

Keep the communication lines open, and talk out issues with that certain someone you've been having problems with lately. Be sure to get all feelings out in the open; it's the first step in ironing out the wrinkles.

Lucky days: 5, 11, 27

TALIS
(4/20-5/19)

Feeling down about your situation with that special someone? Don't be afraid to tell him/her how you are feeling. Chances are, he/she has noticed the change between you two as well, and it would benefit the relationship to talk things out.

Lucky days: 3, 17, 23

GEMINI
(5/20-6/20)

Don't get bummed out with your current love situation. Someone you would least expect has his/her eyes on you. Try to determine if you could see this "friend" in a new light; a blossoming relationship could ensue.

Lucky days: 8, 15, 24

CANCER
(6/21-7/21)

Feeling particularly lazy this week? Be sure not to let it get the best of you. Try not to let the procrastinator tendencies take over; you will be proud you didn't slack so early in the new semester.

Lucky days: 10, 18, 23

VIRGO
(8/23-9/21)

Everything seems to be going right in your life. You are satisfied with classes, schoolwork, and especially with your social situation. Be excited about that new person you're seeing; you two have something very special developing.

Lucky days: 6, 16, 25

LIBRA
(9/22-10/22)

There is a new person in your life, but you are not quite sure whether or not you are ready for something new. Sort out your feelings and issues with that ex before you rush into a new relationship and be confident in what you want.

Lucky days: 8, 17, 27

SCORPIO
(10/23-11/21)

Someone will come forward and reveal his/her feelings for you. Although it might catch you off guard, be the good person that you are, and hear them out. Regardless of what happens, you two will always have a particular closeness.

Lucky days: 8, 19, 28

SAGITTARIUS
(11/22-12/20)

Feeling a little under the weather? Try to set out the necessary time in the day for you to relax and recover. Nap, watch TV, do some reading or doing any kind of quiet activity will have you feeling better in no time.

Lucky days: 2, 21, 26

CAPRICORN
(12/21-1/19)

Didn't think that cutie was capable of looking your way? Think again! This person is showing a particular interest in getting to know you better. Don't be afraid to make the necessary moves to ensure that happens.



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Black Bears senior defenseman Cliff Loya passes away from a Providence College player in UMaine's 2-2 tie Saturday, Feb. 15. Loya scored the game-tying goal, but the Black Bears hope to get back to their winning ways this weekend at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

MEN'S HOCKEY from page 20

Hockey East Quarterfinals earlier in the year, but have since fallen back to the pack. They are 15-15-1 overall and 8-13-0 in Hockey East, which currently puts them in seventh place in the league.

UMass has played UMaine twice this season, losing 1-0 at Alford Arena in a league contest, and then losing 8-3 in the championship game of the Florida Everblades College Classic in Estero, Fla. That game did not count in the Hockey East standings.

The Black Bears fell a spot in the national polls to No. 3 after last weekend's loss and tie to Providence. UMaine is 22-5-5 overall, and 12-4-4 in Hockey East. Heading into Wednesday night, the Black Bears were tied for second place in Hockey East with the University of New

Hampshire, which played a game last night at Merrimack College. Both teams were one point behind league-leading Boston College.

UMaine may be getting a boost as two injured forwards could return to the lineup. Senior forward Gray Shaneberger, who has missed the last six games with a medial collateral ligament sprain in his knee, may be well enough to return this weekend.

Senior captain Chris Heisten also may also return. He last weekend's games after suffering a concussion against Merrimack on Feb. 9.

UMass is led in scoring by sophomore forward Greg Mauldin, who has 17 goals and 17 assists. Turner, a senior, is the other key upperclassman forward, with 14 goals and 15

assists. UMass' other key forwards are all freshman, including Stephen Werner (10-18-28), Matt Anderson (8-19-27) and Chris Capraro (5-15-20).

On the defensive side, senior Pock is the leader. He has 15 goals and 16 assists. Other important defensemen for the Minutemen are freshman Marvin Degon (2-11-13), and sophomore Jeff Lang (3-6-9).

Freshman goalie Gabe Winer has returned to the lineup after a hamstring injury in January. He continues to play well in net, with a record of 13-10-3, a 3.12 goals against average and an .862 save percentage.

Both games from the Mullins Center will begin at 7 p.m. Friday night's game will be run on Fox SportsNet New England as the Hockey East Game of the Week.

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Head coach Sharon Versyp acknowledged that the team was able to come together and rally for the victory, but the third-year coach was not satisfied with the Black Bears' play until the end of the stretch.

"I was very proud of them at the end. They really executed and started getting things done," Versyp said. "They finally decided to pick up some defense."

Sophomore Kim Corbitt said the team needs to break down its approach and isolate the fundamentals. She attributed the team's troubles Sunday to a temporary lapse of those fundamentals.

"We had trouble cutting off [the] baseline, getting beat [in the] middle, and just basic fundamentals. They didn't happen," Corbitt said.

Versyp agreed that her team's fundamentals were not solid.

"We really broke ourselves down this week, and they were shocked when they saw themselves on video. We have so much more to work on. We're doing okay, but fundamentally, in certain areas, we're poor," Versyp said. "They are hard critics and it probably stems from me a little bit."

While it may appear the Black Bears are being too critical, Versyp said the America East Conference schedule will not be easy and that UMaine must enjoy its last few games.

"They are very critical, and [our players] are on a mission. We're on a mission together and they do need to enjoy some of these games. They need to smile and enjoy it," Versyp said.

UMaine is also maturing as a team. Junior Heather Ernest, who leads the America East in scoring with 19.6 points per game, received only two touches in the first half against Binghamton. The junior went on to score a game-high 15 points, but the Black Bears are not relying on

one player to handle the bulk of the offense.

UMaine is getting strong contributions off the bench from sophomores Missy Traversi and Monica Peterson, and freshman Abby Schrader (19 points combined vs. Binghamton). The Black Bears are averaging 21 points per game off the bench this season.

"We need to play together as a team. We did a great job in the first half [against Binghamton]. Heather did only have two points, so again that's a good sign

"We really broke ourselves down this week, and they were shocked when they saw themselves on video. We have so much more to work on."

of us maturing, and that you can't only rely on one kid," Versyp said.

Six different players have led the team in scoring this season, while eight have scored in double figures at least twice. The Black Bears have a fairly young team, with senior captain Ellen Geraghty the only Black Bear in her last year of eligibility. Versyp has spread out the minutes, and nine players are averaging at least 10 minutes per game.

"I usually play seven or eight players that get about 20 minutes," Versyp said.

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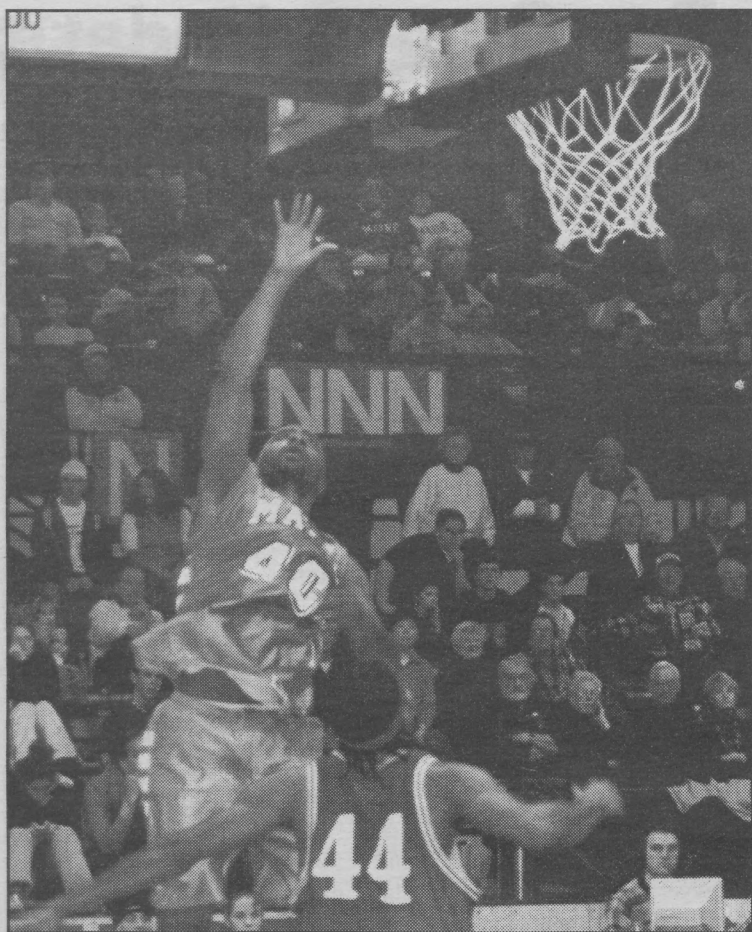
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Black Bear senior forward Clayton Brown goes up for a layup in UMaine's win over Northeastern University Feb. 12. The Bears returned to Boston to finish their season series with the Huskies last night.

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29, losing 63-53, before the start of its four-game win streak. However, the Terriers face a big conference test Saturday night in Burlington, where second-place University of Vermont (8-4) awaits.

"This league is really getting back to being a legitimate mid-major league as we have been accustomed to, and it's showing in the standings," Giannini said. "There are only a couple of teams that are undertalented and struggling, and I think all the other teams, all the other seven, can point to some quality wins and some stability and solid players. It's only going to get better over the next 12 months, just because

most of the best players are upperclassmen."

UMaine will host the University of Stony Brook Sunday and then play an unusual non conference game at home Feb. 25 against the University of Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne. The Black Bears wrap up the regular season on the road at Hartford March 2. With the conference so tight, the matchup with the Hawks could determine the tournament seedings for as many as six teams. The America East Tournament begins Saturday, March 8 at the Boston University campus.

"I really think the league is getting back to where it has been in the past," Giannini said.

New faces abound as softball team approaches new season

By Jim Doughty
For The Maine Campus

When a team loses six key players from the previous year, the best option is to follow the lead of University of Maine women's head softball coach Deb Smith, and recruit, recruit, recruit.

The UMaine softball team graduated five starters following their 26-31 season and an America East Tournament berth.

In hopes of improving on last year's tourney run, Smith brought in six freshmen to go along with a core group of returning players.

The two most important components from last year's squad and All-Conference First Team performers, shortstop Erica Sobel and third baseman Leigh Ann Hylwak, are gone. Their graduation leaves a major gap on the left side of the infield, in the middle of the batting order and, maybe most importantly, in the dugout.

"Probably the biggest thing we are going to miss this year is that leadership that Erica, Leigh Ann and [first baseman Katie Churchill] brought with them for the last few years," Smith said.

Although Smith may find it difficult to replace Sobel and Hylwak, she believes the freshmen class is skilled enough to get past its inevitable growing pains.

"I'll tell you something, this group of rookies that we have, they are probably the most talented group we have had here since I have been associated [with the team]," Smith said.

Smith mentioned the immediate contributions she expects from the freshmen class of infielders Brittany Cheney, Erin Provost and Amy Kuhl, outfielders Dana Grimm and Molly McKinney and pitcher Sara Bennis.

The youth movement taking place at Kessock Field this year will give the Black Bears more options offensively, Smith said.

"We are going to be a lot more versatile," Smith said. "We can be more creative in terms of our base-running, because we do have a lot more team speed."

Smith noted the speed and quickness of a trio of infielders, junior Sara Asadoorian, sophomore Lauren Dulkis and Cheney, along with sophomore center-fielder Jess Brady, as important pieces in an offense hoping to put runs on the board.

"I want to let them loose," Smith said. "I want them to think two bases ahead instead of one. [That way] I think we can get a little more run support for our pitchers."

Returning to the circle this year as the team's No. 1 pitcher is 17-game winner and All-Conference First Team member Jenna Merchant. Joining Merchant in the rotation is junior Nikki Taylor, Bennis and injured junior Candace Jaegge. Jaegge has been hampered by an elbow injury during the preseason, Smith said, but she hopes to have her back by midseason.

Behind the plate, sophomore Lindsay Tibbetts and senior Amanda Stevens will most likely share duties this year, Smith said.

Asadoorian continues her three-year reign at second base, while Kuhl looks to get the nod at first base, replacing the sure-handed Churchill.

Dulkis returns this season after sitting out last year with a knee injury. She and Cheney will both see time at shortstop, with Dulkis most likely taking over for Hylwak at third base. Freshman walk-on Provost will also see some time in the infield, Smith said.

All-Conference performer Brady anchors the outfield in center, and will also bat leadoff. Flanking Brady in the outfield will be many quality contributors. Two freshmen from Michigan, Grimm and McKinney, are powerful at the plate, according to Smith, and will work alongside Brady.

Taylor, when she's not pitching, will see some time in the outfield, as well as at first base. Junior Shannon Sirois and first-year outfielder Christina Belmonte have looked strong in practice and should also be in the mix.

Senior Melissa Mather is currently rehabilitating after an off-season knee surgery, and looks to earn a position when she is fully healthy, which Smith believes will be in the next few weeks. The Black Bears are also without the services of sophomore catcher/outfielder Cheryl White, who is out with a wrist injury.

The team continues preseason practice until they play the University of Pennsylvania March 9 in Osceola, Fla.

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MEN'S HOCKEY:*Goals:*

Lucas Lawson	18
Chris Heisten	13
Martin Kariya	13
Colin Shields	13

Assists:

Kariya	31
Francis Nault	23
Robert Liscak	19

Goaltending:

Jim Howard (13-4, 2.11 goals against average, .927 save %)
Frank Doyle (9-1-5, 2.27 goals against average, .914 save %)

WOMEN'S HOCKEY:*Goals:*

Karen Droog	12
Megan Aarts	11
Tristan Desmet	7

Assists:

Aarts	12
Andrea Steranko	9
Raffi Wolf, Jarin Sjogren	8

Goaltending:

Lara Smart (3-10-3, 2.39 goals against average, .917 save %)
Dawn Froats (6-3-1, 1.89 goals against average, .914 save %)

W. BASKETBALL:*Scoring (per game):*

Heather Ernest	19.6
Melissa Heon	11.9
Julie Veilleux	8.0

Rebounding (per game):

Ernest	9.9
Monica Peterson	5.9
Veilleux	5.4

Assists:

Kim Corbitt	91
Heon	67
Missy Traversi	51

Field goal percentage:

Ernest	.545
Abby Schrader	.474
Heon	.446

Free throw percentage:

Heon	.828
Ernest	.819
Veilleux	.800

Steals:

Heon	42
Corbitt	33
Ernest	22

Blocks:

Schrader	18
Ernest	15
Nicole Jay	14

M. BASKETBALL:*Scoring (per game):*

Rickey White	13.2
Kevin Reed	12.6
Clayton Brown	11.4

Rebounding (per game):

Rowe	9.7
White	5.7
Brown	5.6

Assists:

Eric Dobson	123
Derrick Jackson	56
Reed	52

Field goal percentage:

White	.677
Rowe	.604
Brown	.503

Free throw percentage:

White	.809
Reed	.757
Brown	.741

Steals:

Dobson	43
Reed	36
White	29

Blocks:

Rowe	88
Campbell	10
Dobson	10

Rec Sports Update:

• The annual intramural sports indoor track meet was held Tuesday, Feb. 11 in the Field House at Memorial Gym. Nearly 150 participants competed in this event, which started at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 10:30 p.m.

The men's fraternity championship was Sigma Phi Epsilon while the Army ROTC team won the independent division.

The women's sorority team championship belonged to Pi Beta Phi.

• The Black Bear Cross Country Ski Race was held Saturday, Feb. 15. The race began at 11:00 a.m. on the Athletic Fields by the ROTC tower. There were two races held concurrently: a 3-kilometer and a 14-kilometer race. The 3K race was won by Carol Hill. Debbie Dwyer finished second in the 3K. The 14K was won by Chris Dorion with a time of 44:36. Justin Bates finished second. There were 40 participants in the race, which was held on the UMaine ski trails.

• The UMaine Blade Society—fencing club will be hosting the Duel at Dusk in the All Purpose Room in the Memorial Gym Friday, Feb. 21, from 6-10 p.m.

This United States Fencing Association competition is the first on campus in about 20

years. Three events will be offered: Novice Foil, Electric Sabre and Electric Épée. All proceeds from the event will benefit the UMaine Blade Society. For more information, contact Lisa Tyson (581-1675) or visit the Blade Society Web site: www.umaine.edu/bladesociety.

Information about fencing: The fencing area is called the piste and is 46 feet long and 6-feet 6-inches wide. All weapons have a flexible steel blade with a button at the end, a hilt (by which to hold the weapon), and a guard. In foil and épée (thrust weapons), hits can only be made with the point. The sabre can be cut and thrust, scoring with all of the front edge and the top third of the back edge.

Foils must weigh less than 500 grams. The blade should measure 90 cm, the hilt is 20 cm.

An épée must weigh less than 770 grams. The blade must be as straight as possible. The blade should measure 90 cm.

Sabers must weigh less than 500 grams. The blade must not be too rigid nor too flexible. Any curve must be continuous, of less than 4 cm, and not in the direction of the cutting edge.

Protective gear is required, including the plastron, mask and gloves.

Compiled from staff reports.

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minority coaches? You know, speaking as someone who is painfully white, I couldn't imagine being hired to do something—anything, actually—based on the color of my skin. How come it isn't like that for everyone?

Just as a side note, what's next? Is Johnny going to have a

huge press conference in which he cites the need for more minority kickers in the NFL? When will it end? Should someone start an action committee that forces the NFL to have white guys at skill positions other than quarterback? Sounds absurd, yet strangely familiar, doesn't it?

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Women's hockey still optimistic about playoffs

Bears one point out with 4 games left

By Matt Hritz
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's hockey team (9-13-4 overall, 2-7-2 Hockey East) is coming off a bittersweet weekend against Northeastern University (9-16-2 overall, 4-8-1 Hockey East), as the Black Bears only took one of the two games but suffered a 3-2 loss Saturday they probably could have won.

"It was definitely bitter-sweet," junior goaltender Lara Smart said. "Losing 3-2 on Saturday was tough, but we did play good and just couldn't get enough pucks past Northeastern goaltender Chanda Gunn. Sunday was a great victory for us. We played a good game, scoring the first goal of the game for once. Winning in overtime is always a great feeling, especially after Northeastern had a chance to win the game with about a minute left on a breakaway. Fortunately, I was able to close my five-hole in time to stop it."

Time is running out in the regular season and UMaine's push for the playoffs is evident. Going into this weekend, the Black Bears are one point out of the last playoff spot. Despite being on the outside of the playoff picture, the team is still confident in its chances of making the playoffs.

"I have no doubt in my mind that we [will] make [the playoffs]," junior forward Meagan Aarts said. "We've got character on our team and it will show as

the end draws near."

Next on the Black Bears' plate is Boston College (12-14-3 overall, 2-7-3 Hockey East) Saturday and Providence College (19-6-6 overall, 11-1-1 Hockey East) Sunday.

UMaine already has hooked up with the Eagles twice this year, resulting in a Black Bear 5-0 win and a 3-3 tie.

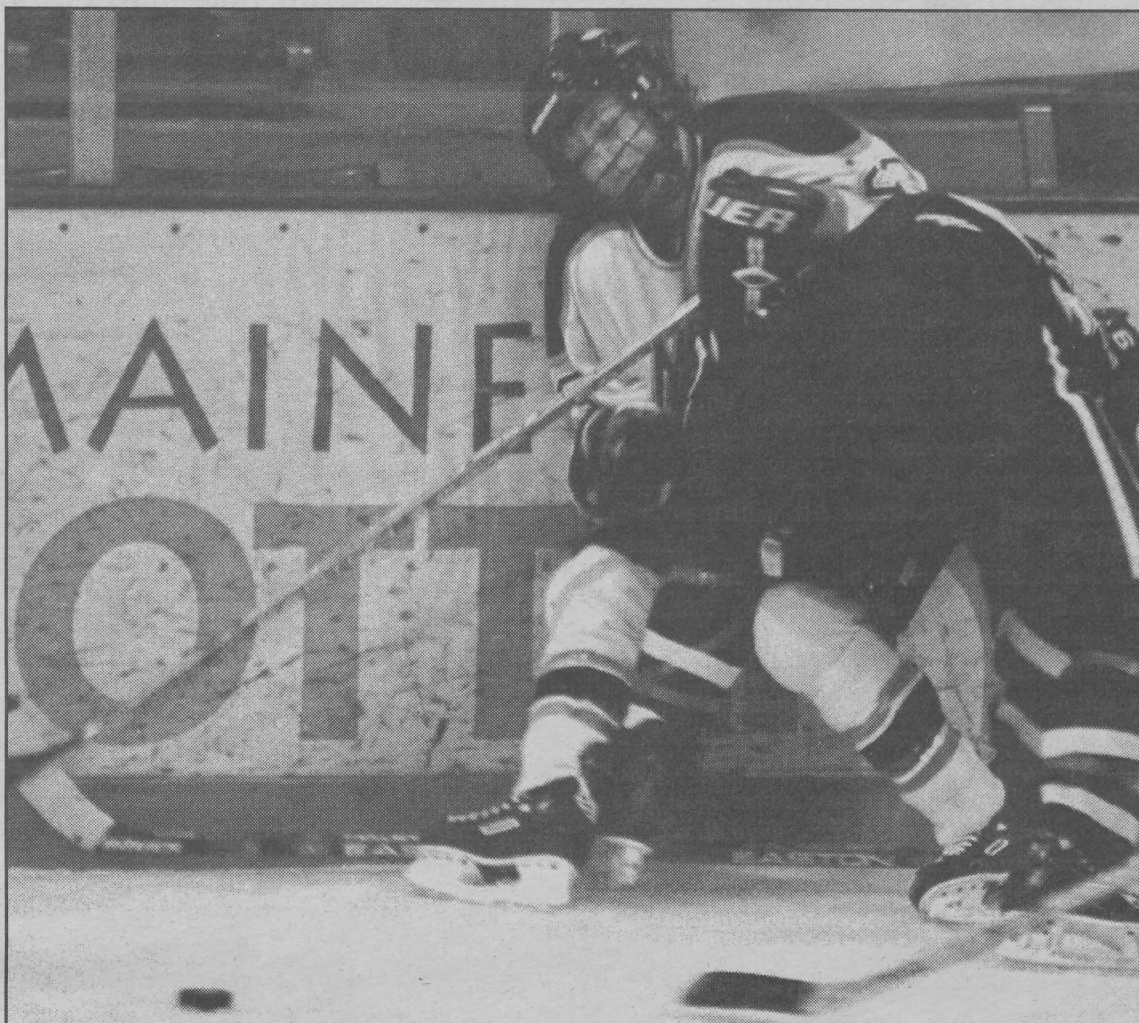
Offensively, the Eagles are led by junior forward Alaina Clark (12 goals, nine assists) and senior forward Jaclyn Kryzak. Sophomore goaltender Lisa Davis has seen the majority of the action in net. She has a 7-12-1 record with 3.48 goals against average and a .888 save percentage.

"The BC game is a big one for us, but I think our mentality is, it's just another game," Smart said. "We have to be relaxed and show up to play the full 60 minutes. Fortunately, their goaltending isn't as strong as UNH's or Northeastern's was, so we should have an easier time finding the back of the net."

The Black Bears face a tougher challenge Sunday when they play Providence, who has outscored its opponents 105-54. UMaine has been shut out in its two previous games with the Friars this season by scores of 5-0 and 3-0.

UMaine head coach Rick Filighera said the Friars won't take his team lightly.

"Providence isn't coached that way," Filighera said. "Providence never takes anyone lightly."



CAMPUS PHOTO • ANNA-MARIA EASLEY

UMaine sophomore forward Andrea Steranko is checked into the boards in the Black Bears' 3-0 loss to University of New Hampshire Feb. 11. UMaine has four games remaining on its schedule and is on the outside looking in for a possible postseason berth.

Offensively, the Friars are led by sophomore forward Rush Zimmerman (18 goals, 17 assists) and senior forward Jenn Butsch (15 goals, 17 assists). In net, freshman goaltender Amy Bugden has seen the majority of the action. She has a 15-5-5 record with a 1.76 GAA and a .922 save percentage.

With four games left, Filighera knows it will be a dogfight until the end of the season.

"We control our own destiny," Filighera said. "We win our games against those teams, we're in. We can't get in losing, so the one good thing is at least it's in our hands, it's not in someone else's."

The Black Bears will play at Boston College Saturday at 2 p.m., and at Providence Sunday at 2 p.m. UMaine will play its two last regular season games at home when they host the

University of Connecticut March 1 and 2.

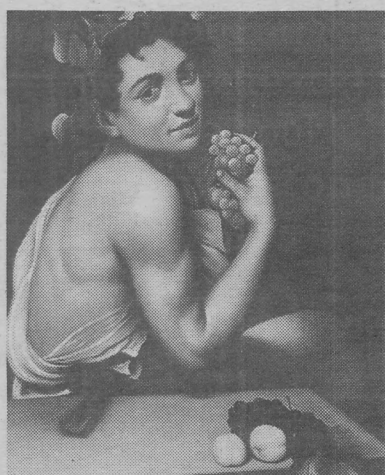
"The bottom line is that it's simple," Filighera said. "We've got to score goals, because we are keeping them out of our net. We have to score more goals with the chances we get. We're not turning the puck over as much, but we're not finishing on our chances. So [if] we want to make the playoffs, we've got to finish on our chances."

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Sports

The UMaine women's hockey team has four games remaining and stands one point out of the final playoff spot. See story on page 19.

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Waning Moments

By Ryan Waning
For The Maine Campus

• The Macintosh computer ads with Yao Ming and Verne "Mini-Me" Troyer are pretty funny, even though neither speaks. I hope they continue the campaign, and I have a couple of scenarios to offer the fine folks at Macintosh.

One, have some action footage of the Houston Rockets on the floor, then have coach Rudy Tomjanovich call a timeout. Upon reaching the sideline, Yao is greeted by an attendant who hands him a water bottle, which of course would be empty, except for Verne and his laptop.

Two, Yao is practicing his jumpshot in an empty gym. When he returns to the side to get another rack of balls, guess who is sitting among them, with his laptop of course.

• The San Francisco 49ers finally got their man. After pushing Steve Mariucci, the coach who saw them through the post-Montana/Young era, out the door, team officials introduced Dennis Erickson as their new head coach. Erickson, who has had a nice run at Oregon State, held the Seattle Seahawks job for four seasons and posted an 8-8 record in three of the four years. Erickson was the poster boy for the problems college coaches have when they take a pro job. Glad to see they didn't settle, huh?

• Speaking of the Mariucci situation, how ignorant is this whole mess with Johnny Cochrane and the NFL? Shouldn't people be hired based on actual merit and job qualification rather than the color of their skin? Apparently not in the NFL, where Cochrane and his cohorts believe it should be mandatory for teams to interview minority candidates for their coaching vacancies.

I think the idea is absurd, but the Mariucci thing brings this worthless issue to its next level. In trying to comply with Johnny Racial-card's clan, the Detroit Lions attempted to interview a minority candidate or two. The parties in question declined the interviews saying that Lion's team president Matt Millen had already found his coach, and they didn't want to be part of a "lip service" attempt at compliance.

What else can the NFL do, actually force teams to hire

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Women's hoops gears for stretch run

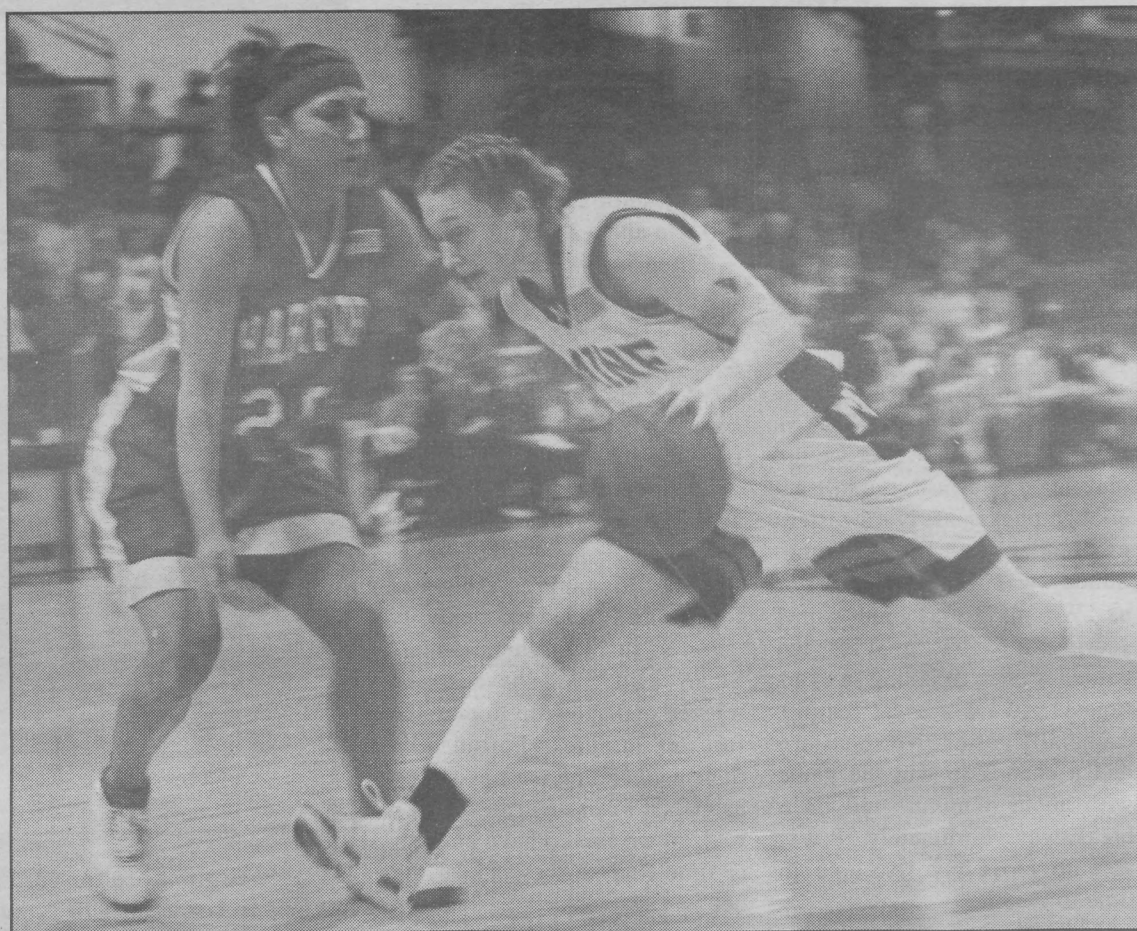
By Becky Sturtevant
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine women's basketball team can put any whispers of bad luck behind them, as the Black Bears have already won 13 straight games with a 66-62 win over Binghamton University Sunday.

UMaine is tied for the fifth-longest winning streak in the nation, and the Black Bears have six conference games remaining. They will host Stony Brook University, the University of Albany and Boston University, with road games against the University of Hartford and the University of Vermont. UMaine also met up with Northeastern University last night.

Unlike a 19-point victory against Binghamton Jan. 18, the Black Bears did not cruise to victory last Sunday. Even though the Black Bears were able to put a check in the win column, the team was not pleased with its mediocre performance.

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CAMPUS PHOTO • ALICIA MANCUSO

University of Maine junior guard Melissa Heon looks to drive by University of Hartford's Angie Pezzetta during the Black Bears' 74-64 overtime win Feb. 1. Heon, UMaine's second-leading scorer, and the Black Bears played at Northeastern University last night.

Men's b-ball tied for third in conference

By Lucas Peterson
Staff Reporter

Just three games remain on the schedule for the University of Maine men's basketball team, and the race for the postseason tournament is extremely tight. The Black Bears are in a three-way tie for third place in the America East

Conference with a record of 7-6. Northeastern University and Binghamton University have identical marks.

The Black Bears reeled off four straight victories before a tough 63-62 loss at Binghamton Saturday. UMaine fought back from a double-digit second half deficit to nearly escape with a fifth

straight win. The Black Bears went on a 13-0 run to close out the game, but Bearcat Anthony Green sank two free throws to ice the game.

Coach John Giannini, in his seventh season, said he thinks there is parity in the conference.

"The league is as packed as any conference could possibly be,

especially spots three through seven," Giannini said. "Every game is important."

Alone atop the standings is Boston University at 10-2, the only team in the conference to separate itself from the field. UMaine played the Terriers Jan.

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CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF

Black Bear senior forward Lucas Lawson (11) leads the team with 18 goals heading into this weekend's showdown with the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Men's hockey hoping to rebound at UMass

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine men's ice hockey team is headed to the road for the final time during the regular season this weekend. The Black Bears head to the Mullins Center in Amherst, Mass. to take on the University of Massachusetts Minutemen.

This is an important weekend for each team, as both have struggled recently. The Black Bears have only won two of their last seven games and are coming off the first weekend in which they earned less than two points against Hockey East Conference opponents. UMaine managed only a tie against Providence at home last weekend.

The Minutemen have lost eight of their last 10 games, but snapped a five-game losing streak last Friday with an 8-6 nonconference win over the University of Connecticut at home. The Minutemen took a 5-1 lead, but then gave up five goals and fell behind 6-5 with 10 minutes left in the third period. Senior defenseman Thomas Pock then scored twice and Tim Turner added an empty net goal for the 8-6 margin.

UMass, coached by Don Cahoon, in his third season at the school, is loaded with freshmen and sophomores. The Minutemen got off to a great start and were in contention for home ice advantage in the

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